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Andrews concert singer tests positive

4 concert attendees report symptoms; test results pending as health department monitors situation

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien County Health Department is monitoring developments in the wake of a recent Andrews University concert, after which the performing artist tested positive for COVID-19.

Sandi Patty, a Grammy Award-winning gospel singer, performed a concert at Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center on March 8 and hosted several individuals for a special "in-person experience" after the concert. On Tuesday, she announced over social media she has tested positive for coronavirus.

On Wednesday, the health department announced it is collaborating with Andrews University and Spectrum Health Lakeland to ensure that individuals who had close personal contact with Patty – and are also experiencing symptoms – are tested for COVID-19.

Test results were sent to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories and are now pending.

"There has been a delay in timely test results," said Gillian Conrad, communications manager for the Berrien County Health Department. "Unfortunately, labs have been inundated with so many samples for testing over the last couple of weeks. It has been taking anywhere from two to three days."

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All concert attendees who had close personal contact with Patty at any time during her visit to Andrews' campus are being asked to self-quarantine at home and monitor themselves for symptoms of coronavirus.

Symptoms for COVID-19 include a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath.

Conrad said those affected can stop self-quarantining themselves if they do not experience any symptoms of the coronavirus through March 22.

"That marks a 14-day period after that date of exposure," she said.

Conrad said four people are being tested, who have experienced symptoms and had close contact with the musician on March 8. Conrad described the close contact as hugs, handshakes or sitting within a 6-foot proximity to her.

However, she did not know how many people attended the concert, let alone how many encountered the musician that day.

"Just because people were at the concert on March 8,

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Don Campbell / HP staff

A health care worker staffs a drive-up COVID-19 specimen collection center Tuesday at the Spectrum Health Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services at 3900 Hollywood Road in St. Joseph. Officials are reminding the public that specimens can only be collected from individuals with a doctor's order.

Drive-up testing underway at Lakeland

Officials prepare the public: 'People need to be aware .... there will be more cases as testing increases'

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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ST. JOSEPH — Three days after setting up a drive-up collection center, Spectrum Health Lakeland is still swabbing residents in an effort to identify those inflicted with the coronavirus.

Jessica Springer, a spokesperson for Spectrum Health Lakeland, reports that the site of the collection center – at the Center for Outpatient Services on 3900 Hollywood Road in St. Joseph Township – has not been overwhelmed with drive-up requests.

Springer said this is by design, as all patients require a physician's order to be tested.

Individuals who are tested remain in their vehicle for the entire process at the front of the collection center.

Medical personnel wearing protective gear then swab the inside of the individual's nose. They are also asked for their full name and date of birth to match up with the test.

Springer said the hospital will continue working with the Berrien County Health Department on this evolving situation, but could not confirm how many people have had drive-thru specimen collections.

"At this time (we are) only able to confirm if we were to get a positive case result," Springer said.

Gillian Conrad, communications manager for the Health Department, said there have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Berrien County as of Wednesday.

However, she said that will change as more people are tested.

"To date we still have no cases of COVID-19 in the county," Conrad said. "We will start to see case numbers increase across the state and in our region. When it will change, I don't have that exact answer. But people need to be aware of that. There will be more cases as testing increases."

In order to be tested, Conrad reiterated that people need to call their doctor before going to the site to have a specimen collected.

Cars line up at the local drive-up COVID-19 specimen collection center.

Conrad said testing has been a problem throughout the country because until recently, testing was under the control of the federal government.

"We know there is a nationwide shortage of test kits available," she said. "That is changing and we're encouraged by the fact that more than facilities are now able to perform the COVID-19 tests."

By the middle of next week, Spectrum Health Lakeland should be able to do its own testing. Until then, specimens will continue to be sent to the state health department.

"We know there are more kits in production and they are being shipped out across the country as we speak," Conrad said. "In the coming days and weeks, it is going to be a bit slower to get the tests done and the results back. We are asking for patience and flexibility.

"We understand that when you are tested for something like COVID-19, you want the tests back immediately. We are doing everything we can to help make sure that happens."

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Mental health help is still available

Counseling sessions move online during coronavirus emergency

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — There's still help out there.

That's what counselors and other mental health professionals want people to know during all of the closures and social distancing happening right now due to the coronavirus emergency.

"We anticipated this and went to online counseling last week," said Anne Carpenter, a licensed psychologist at Trilogy Counseling in St. Joseph. "I know that every other practice in town is transitioning or has transitioned. So anywhere they seek help they can get online services."

Carpenter said it's similar to having an in-person counseling session.

The client logs into a secure website that is compliant with health privacy laws, and waits in the virtual waiting room.

"Then I invite them into my office and we video chat," she said. "I prefer seeing people in person, but this is the safe route to take. It's not ideal, but it definitely doesn't compromise quality of care."

Carpenter said even though she's working from her home, with her kids and cat around, she keeps the session private in her home office, just like a normal session.

Staff at Van Buren Community Mental Health and the Berrien Mental Health Authority are also following suit.

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ANNE CARPENTER
St. Joseph psychologist

Debra Hess, chief executive officer of Van Buren Community Mental Health, said its staff is moving all services that it can to phone, telehealth, and only providing limited face-to-face contact.

"We are also assisting our open customers in getting their basic needs met by doing things like dropping off food and medicines," she said.

The Berrien Mental Health Authority, which runs Riverwood Center in

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Counselors concerned as addicts face isolation

Staying in contact with others, even online, is key to staying sober during coronavirus emergency

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Most addiction recovery programs are based on community, and the goal of not being alone.

"This is horrible for people's recovery," said Kaye Sanders, the Berrien County supervisor with Community Healing Centers. "We are very concerned for this population."

The coronavirus emergency has shut down most support group meetings in the country, but local addiction treatment centers and AA meeting places are doing their best to still help people in recovery.

At Carol's Hope in Royalton Township, Sanders said the staff has had to shift how they operate.

"When people come in the door, we're now in health mode," she said. "Normally we'd work on stabilizing the addiction so they can seek treatment, but we're actually physically taking the temperature of people coming in, as well as our staff, to make sure they don't need to seek treatment first."

Sanders said, although Carol's Hope and their Niles out-treatment facility

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Some fear unintended consequences of Whitmer's COVID-19 orders

By BETH LEBLANC
The Detroit News

LANSING — Michigan's GOP legislative leaders are talking with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration about what they see as some unintended consequences of the Democratic governor's spate of executive orders to stem the spread of coronavirus.

House Speaker Lee Chatfield said he and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, have been in communication with Whitmer's staff about some of those concerns and hope that they are addressed through amendments to existing orders or through new orders.

Shirkey's spokeswoman did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Some of the hours-long discussions on supplemental coronavirus spending Tuesday in the House and Senate pertained to the executive orders, said Chatfield, R-Levering.

"We've been working with her on multiple occasions to ensure that her orders are narrowly crafted to fix the problem they are intended to address," Chatfield told The Detroit News. "We want to make sure there are no unintended consequences and that the economy is not adversely impacted by any executive order being too wide sweeping."

Whitmer's office told The News Wednesday the governor issued the orders "under multiple sources of independent authority" in the interest of public health.

"Of course, we strongly believe every branch of government should act in a coordinated and responsible way," Whitmer spokeswoman Tiffany Brown said. "We've seen that collaboration already. The governor has full confidence in the actions she's taken to protect Michiganders, which she will continue to do so long as necessary to protect public health and our economy."

Since the state confirmed its first cases of COVID-19 early this month, Whitmer has declared a state of emergency and issued executive orders. The orders include ones closing K-12 schools, limiting the number of people who can gather in one place to no more than 50, closing restaurants, bars and other public places, waiving regulatory restrictions standing the way or staffing and bed capacity at healthcare facilities and cracking down on price gouging.

On Tuesday, the state House and Senate were in session late into the evening to pass a $125 million supplemental spending bill to address the coronavirus pandemic.

While much of that time was spent ironing out the details of that appropriation, Chatfield said, legislative leaders also sought clarity or amendments to the executive orders.

Several of the executive orders issued by Whitmer in the past week have cited the Emergency Management Act of 1976, under which she declared the initial state of emergency that gave her the authority to take such action.

But that act has certain limitations.

The Emergency Management Act requires the governor to terminate the state of emergency within 28 days "unless a request by the governor for an extension of the state of disaster for a specific number of days is approved by resolution of both houses of the legislature."

"In order for many of them, not all of them, to be extended it would require an act of the Legislature," Chatfield told The News. "We'll take this one step at the time and fully assess the situation once we bump up against that 28-day time frame."

Among those items the Legislature would like to see addressed is a potential executive order waiving renewal requirements for someone who has a lapsed commercial drivers license, but would like to help grocery stores and pharmacies with deliveries during the pandemic.

Another includes changes to the executive order on price gouging. Some businesses dropped prices during tax time, and hadn't adjusted prior to the executive order that locked in those prices, Chatfield said.

"We know what the intent was and we want to make sure the intent is upheld, but we want to make sure we don't stymie economic activity across the state unnecessarily," he said.

Some concerns, such as exemptions for hair and nail salons from the public places closure, have already been addressed. Whitmer's initial order indicated spas would be closed under the action, but later clarified that salons attached to spas fell under the exemption.

Chatfield said the Legislature has expressed other concerns to Whitmer and believes the administration has taken them into consideration. He wouldn't detail all of those issues, but noted the ban on assemblies gave him pause.

"The right to assemble is a God-given right that is secured in our constitution and its certainly been an issue that I've conversed with her and the administration about," he said.

Trump invokes emergency authority; Big 3 automakers closing

By TIM SULLIVAN and DAVID RISING
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — President Donald Trump on Wednesday invoked emergency authority to marshal industry to fight the coronavirus, as the economic fallout from the crisis mounted with word that nearly the entire U.S. auto industry is shutting down its North American factories to protect workers.

On a day of head-spinning developments:

■ More borders slammed shut across Europe and North America, with the U.S. and Canada closing their boundaries to all but essential travel and Trump saying he plans to assert extraordinary powers to immediately turn back to Mexico anyone who crosses over the southern border illegally.

■ The White House pressed Congress to swiftly pass a potentially $1 trillion rescue package to prop up the economy and speed relief checks to Americans in a matter of weeks. Calling himself a "wartime president," Trump invoked the Defense Production Act of 1950 to steer industrial output and overcome shortages of face masks, ventilators and other supplies as hospitals brace for an expected onslaught of cases.

■ Ford, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler, along with Honda and Toyota, said they will shut down all of their factories in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The closing of Detroit's Big Three alone will idle about 150,000 workers, who are likely to receive supplemental pay in addition to unemployment benefits.

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– The Associated Press

Michigan's unemployment offices close, claims to be filed online

By BETH LEBLANC
The Detroit News

Michigan's unemployment insurance agency plans to stop all in-person transactions starting at 3 p.m. Wednesday to help stem the spread of coronavirus.

The directive comes as the agency experiences a large uptick in unemployment claims after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer expanded eligibility for benefits in the wake of COVID-19 closures. Whitmer's order also suspended rules requiring in-person registration and work search requirements.

People seeking to apply for unemployment benefits can do so at www.michigan.gov/UIA or by calling (866) 500-0017.

"Limiting public visits to our UIA lobbies and eliminating in-person registration and work search requirements are critical steps in this emergency," said Steve Gray, director for the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

People seeking benefits can file a claim online, communicate with a customer service agent, and manage an account.

On Tuesday, the agency posted a message to its website warning users that they may encounter slowness "due to the high volume of users at this time."

The influx in volume follows a Monday executive order from Whitmer expanding who can file for unemployment as well as benefits amid the shutdown of restaurants, bars and other businesses due to the coronavirus.

Those out of work caring for family members, either because they are sick or because of school closures, can now apply for benefits, according to the governor's office. Also, workers who are "sick, quarantined or immunocompromised" and who don't have paid family and medical leave or are laid off are eligible.

Benefits will also be increased to 26 weeks from 20, and the application eligibility period will be increased from 14 to 28 days.

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Hannah Craig, 7, and her sister, Katie Craig, 7, back, play on the swingset in the backyard of their Stevensville home Wednesday. Area schools will be closed for at least the next few weeks due to COVID-19, forcing parents and babysitters to come up with ways to keep children occupied.

Keeping the kids busy

Some learning, mixed with fresh air, are getting families through the layoff

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Kyle Craig, 9, plays soccer with his parents Bonnie and John Craig at their Stevensville home.

For the past week, Americans have been learning the meaning of "social distancing" and "flatten the curve" as officials try to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

On Monday, many Michigan parents also started learning what it means to teach their school-aged children at home after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered all K-12 schools closed for at least the next three weeks.

Bonnie Craig of Stevensville is ahead of the curve on this, having been an elementary school teacher for many years before taking a break to focus on her family. She said that even though it's been a few years since she taught in a classroom, it all came back quickly when she started homeschooling her three children – first-grade twin girls and a third-grade boy, who normally attend Roosevelt Elementary School in Stevensville.

"It's great. I love it," she said Tuesday after her second day with her children. "It's like riding a bike."

Not only does her classroom experience help, but she said she still has a lot of educational manipulatives left over from her teaching days. Although she said that if her children were high school-aged, she wouldn't be as prepared.

Craig said her children's teachers have been doing their best to help parents fill the gap, but it's difficult.

"It all happened very suddenly," she said. "None of us were prepared."

Having a routine helps. She said she found a schedule parents were passing around on Facebook from NESCA (Neuropsychology & Education Services for Children & Adolescents) and tweaked it to meet her family's needs.

On her schedule, her children spend about three hours on academics each day, which may seem like not a lot, but she said it's comparable to how much time students spend focused on academics in the classroom.

"Parents, I think, are are little overwhelmed thinking that they have to do really hardcore academic stuff all day long, and that's not the case," she said. "Learning is not just about academic things."

As for resources, she said her children love using Study Island, which is available through the Lakeshore Public Schools. Because of COVID-19, the company is offering a one-year free trial to new accounts at www.studyisland.com/parents.

And while a routine helps, Craig said it's important to know when to not follow the routine.

"Even in the classroom, there are teachable moments when the teacher scraps the lesson plan and does something else," she said.

What's important, she said, is for parents to convey to their children the love of learning.

The NESCA daily schedule includes getting outside for two hours, an hour of creative play and two hours of free time. Intersperse those activities with meal and chore times and the day goes by fast.

Craig said her family has been playing a lot of soccer in their backyard during outdoor time.

Public parks

Some families are unsure if they can take their children to public parks or nature centers.

Craig said her family has chosen not to go to parks because of the possible exposure to the coronavirus.

Gillian Conrad, communications manager for the Berrien County Health Department, said every family needs to decide what's best for them. But she said getting outside every day is important for the mental and physical health of both children and adults.

"We need to keep our kids active," she said. "We want them to be happy and healthy and thriving despite some of the challenges we are experiencing during this time."

Conrad said outside public play equipment is not off limits, at least not yet.

"Generally, when you're outside, especially if you are a kid outside, you're running around, you're riding your bike, you're playing soccer, you're not necessarily in close proximity with other kids," she said.

But even outside, she said they are recommending that people stay at least six feet away from other groups of people.

And she said washing your hands with at least hand sanitizer on a regular basis is still important when you are outside.

"We should be washing our hands more as a society, anyway," she said. "... We are still in the midst of the cold and flu season. There are more than 4,000 different cold viruses floating around. We have lots of reasons to be concerned."

Sarett Nature Center in Benton Harbor has closed its buildings, but not its hiking trails. Staff has erected panels for a Storybook Hike so people can enjoy a story while they walk through the trails.

Conrad said such a hike should be fine as long as family groups stay 6 feet away from other groups.

"Parents need to make decisions that are best the them," she said.

Mental health

Sandy Feldman of Lakeside, a clinical social worker and consultant, said it's important for parents to listen to their children's concerns and not to just keep them busy all the time.

"We know that in families where children can talk about their feelings, they are more resilient," she said.

Many times, children will only talk about their feelings when they are doing something else. She said children will often talk about their feelings while painting or coloring. But she said it's important for children to talk to an adult. That lets them know that their feelings are valid.

And, she said parents need handle their own feelings so they don't pass their anxiety on to their children.

"If parents talk with each other and other family members and friends on the phone in catastrophic terms, if they look terrified, if they are full of anger at how this is being handled, children feel unsafe," she said. "What they need to see in their parents is someone that is modeling, 'We're going to get through this. We're going to be OK. And we'll even have some fun managing it.'"

Parent reactions

Parents on Facebook had a wide variety of comments when asked by The Herald-Palladium how homeschooling is going so far.

One parent of teenagers said her teens are acting like the world is ending. She said she is "walking on eggshells around an angry pack of hungry wolves who need clean underwear and socks and think social distancing is the literal end of their existence as they know it is how it's going."

Another parent said she is teaching her children how to use tools and is "getting home improvement jobs done around the house."

Other parents shared their favorite online sites for free learning.

The Facebook page, "That Fun Teacher," has many links to free activities, including where you can find free virtual tours of 12 famous museums around the world and web addresses to sites about math, reading, science, writing and social studies.

Shows on Science Mom's YouTube channel and Facebook page are being streamed live every day, where she has paired with Math Dad to make science and math fun. And if you miss the live video, it's always available to watch later, along with dozens of previous shows.

Free online art lessons for children and adults can be found at www.wildfreeandcrafty.com.

Another parent said she contacted her child's classmates and 15 of them are now exchanging letters.

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SOUTH HAVEN

City's North Side Marina won't open this year

Electric system compromised by high water

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Boaters who enjoy the city's Northside Municipal Marina will have to find a different one to use this year.

City officials announced Wednesday they will be closing the marina for the 2020 boating season to make needed electrical upgrades.

High water has compromised the shore power electric system, which could cause shock or electrocution if someone were to come into contact with the water, according to Harbor Master Kate Hosier, who is also South Haven's assistant city manager.

Results of a recent field review and targeted testing showed electrical leakage is occurring where wires have been sliced or are in partially or fully submerged junction boxes.

"Our community is home to one of the major recreational ports on the Great Lakes, and our goal is to provide clean, safe and reasonably priced facilities for recreational boaters," Hosier said. "We are closing Northside Marina this summer in order to do this critical electrical upgrade and be open in time for season next summer. We are working individually to accommodate our longtime slip holders."

The city upgraded the electric shore power system at the Southside Municipal Marina in 2019.

For the Northside marina upgrade, city staff will work with Edgewater Resources to conduct the repairs and ensure the marina, which sits on the north side of the channel into Lake Michigan, meets the national electric code. Repairs are expected to be begin during the summer months and are estimated to cost more than $300,000.

Earlier this year, South Haven reached out to all 97 slip-holders at Northside Marina with options, including canceling this year's rental and receiving a full refund, or applying this year's rental to reserve a slip for 2021.

High water may also prompt South Haven to delay the opening of its three other municipal marinas – Southside Municipal Marina, Black River Park and Maritime Docks – from its customary April 15 opening, to a month later. South Haven is also seeking guidance from state officials in Michigan on the impact COVID-19 might have on marinas.

Berrien partially activates emergency operations center

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was partially activated Wednesday morning in response to the current COVID-19 Situation, according to a news release.

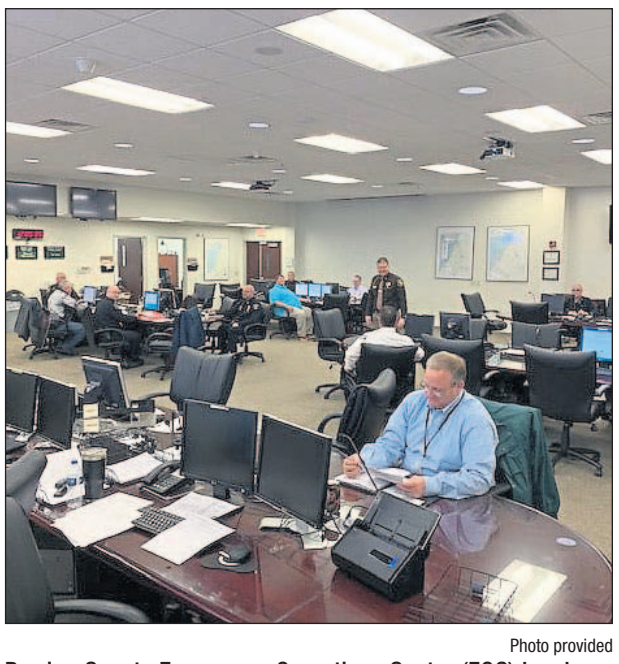
Although there is not a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Berrien County at this time, the EOC has been partially activated out of an abundance of caution to provide for the safety of the public. "The Berrien County EOC has been activated to assist our health care officials while we continue to provide for the safety of the public during this health crisis. We are communicating the current situation to each of the stakeholders assigned to the EOC in order to be better prepared for future needs," the release stated.

On March 10, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency based on the ongoing health concerns of COVID-19 and the confirmed cases in the Michigan.

Currently in Michigan there have been 116 confirmed cases, with one reported death, according to the Detroit Free Press on Wednesday evening. To date the vast majority of cases are on the east side of the state.

According to local officials, the EOC has been established to provide a single point of contact, coordination and avenue to share information to all 39 municipalities and first responder and public safety agencies and volunteer organizations in Berrien County.

A partial activation of the Berrien County EOC allows the staff members from the various positions to perform their functions remotely in accordance wit Whitmer's and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



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Berrien County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been partially activated, due to the coronavirus crisis.

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All hands on deck for the coronavirus

Fred Upton
Guest Columnist

At this point, we all know how serious the coronavirus crisis is impacting our daily lives. Talking with families and friends here at home, I know many of you are frustrated and concerned. I am too.

There is no need to panic, but I am urging folks across Southwest Michigan to be prepared and do their part to help contain the outbreak. We need all hands on deck.

Here at home, I am in constant contact with our local public health officials, small and large business owners, and medical experts talking with them about what they are hearing and seeing on the ground. They are facing a number of challenges, that's for sure.

Children who depend on school meals are now at home as schools close across the state. Restaurants and bars are closed, harming those workers who are living paycheck to paycheck. And business owners dealing with economic uncertainty are having to make difficult decisions on how to cut costs.

This past Saturday, the U.S. House passed a major bipartisan bill to help workers and families respond to the coronavirus. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act provides funding for food and other necessities to help children who are away from school. It also provides funding for paid leave for workers because if you are sick, stay home. The deal also includes widespread testing at no cost to patients, as well as enhanced unemployment insurance and additional funding for Medicaid.

The bipartisan Problem Solvers group that I help lead is also talking about a number of additional solutions aimed at providing relief for workers, small and large businesses, and families.

Significantly increasing unemployment insurance benefits, providing low- or zero-interest loans to businesses, working with financial institutions to keep lines of credit open, prohibiting price gouging, and delaying when taxes are due are a few of the ideas on the table to help folks who are facing financial struggles.

Increasing the speed of testing, providing additional funds for food security programs and supporting child-care assistance policies would help address health care and other social needs.

All options are on the table, and we need to do our part to help one another through this crisis. Today, if you are experiencing struggles and are unsure of where to go for help, mi211.org can help connect you with thousands of nonprofits and government resources.

Let's be clear: protecting the health, safety and overall well-being of all Americans remains our top priority. Stay calm and be vigilant. There are simple things we can do to help improve this situation, like limiting person to person contact. That is an important step.

But we also need to be sure to check in with folks. Call, FaceTime, or text neighbors, seniors and loved ones who are assuredly going to feel a little more isolated than they are used to. Volunteer to grab groceries for those vulnerable populations who should be staying home. Make sure senior citizens are doing OK.

This week, Dr. Anthony Fauci of the Coronavirus Task Force reported that a vaccine for the coronavirus is in phase one of trials. It is definitely early, but this is promising progress.

In the meantime, keep following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's steps that can help folks protect themselves and their loved ones. Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water. Clean frequently touched objects. Don't touch your face. Avoid contact with the sick and absolutely stay home if you are sick.

I will continue to participate in daily briefings with my colleagues in Congress about the latest information on the coronavirus outbreak, which I will then share with all of you on social media and in media interviews. We will be working on solutions to help our workers and families.

Moving forward, remember we're in this together, and if we continue to focus on solutions – not politics or blame – we will overcome this crisis, just as we have always done.

Fred Upton is the U.S. congressman for Michigan's 6th District.

ANOTHER OPINION

Vote by mail is looking like a smart idea

The November general election, with crucial decisions from the presidency to local tax proposals, must go on this year, regardless of the coronavirus pandemic.

Washington and Oregon are providing leadership on this front. Their proven model of voting by mail is one other states can and should follow.

Oregon's U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden made a smart proposal last week to inoculate the 2020 primaries and general election against disruptions and quarantines related to the virus.

If at least 25 states declare emergencies related to COVID-19, registered voters in all states would be allowed to request an absentee ballot or the state could require all voters to cast ballots entirely by mail, under Wyden's Resilient Elections During Quarantines and Natural Disasters Act of 2020.

U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash., is a co-sponsor of a companion House version introduced by Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore.

Other members of Washington's Congressional delegation – who know firsthand the benefits of mail voting – should support this timely and critical effort. Helping people stay safe while exercising their right to vote is a no-brainer.

Under the act, voters in all states not only would have the ability to make electronic requests for absentee ballots, they could also receive them electronically, to print at home and return by mail. That approach is currently offered to overseas and military voters.

States would be required to offer postage paid, self-sealing envelopes to absentee voters to reduce infection risks for those handling ballots. The act would provide $500 million to help states pay for the postage and scanners needed to process the ballots.

The act would also require state and local governments to publish, within 30 days, plans for how to operate elections in the event large numbers of voters or poll workers are subject to self-quarantines or mandatory quarantines. Such planning should be happening everywhere, regardless of the act.

Giving voters the option to vote by mail has been shown to be safe, efficient and convenient. Oregon voters authorized the first statewide, all-mail approach in 1998. Washington followed suit in 2011. Early concerns about ballot fraud have not materialized.

During a time of great disruption, flexibility and creativity are needed, along with measures to maintain government stability and progress.

Making elections resilient, by providing mail ballots and other options to voters, is an easy and straightforward part of the broader response by Congress. Get it done.

– The Seattle Times

Biden doesn't have to let Sanders pull him left

Jonah Goldberg

My advice for Joe Biden: Don't do that again.

That might seem like counterintuitive advice given that Biden won Sunday night's debate decisively. But Biden doesn't need to debate any more. There's supposed to be another round in April, but there's nothing stopping the Democratic Party from canceling that. Everything else is getting canceled, after all.

The conventional wisdom from the previous 10 debates was that Biden benefited from getting so little time on a crowded stage because the time constraints limited opportunities for gaffes and Bidenisms. But it turned out that having more time to air one's views worked against Sanders more than Biden.

What seemed like disciplined, surgical strikes in Sanders' previous performances came across more like repetitive canned answers in a one-on-one matchup. Indeed, for the first 45 minutes, Sanders seemed more like an old man past his prime than Biden did.

But saying that Biden won doesn't mean the debate was scintillating.

Senatorial arguments are always awful – "I called the question on the motion to recommit the amendment to the committee of jurisdiction long before you did!" And on Sunday, these two old senators brought the same kind of bickering to the debate stage. At times, their old man senatorial arguments sounded like a mix of Robert's Rules of Order and a row over how much to leave as a tip on the early-bird specials at the Boca Raton Ruby Tuesday.

But more to the point, Biden doesn't need to engage with Sanders anymore. He's history. When Biden destroyed Sanders on Super Tuesday, Sanders became what he's always been at heart: a single-issue candidate. It didn't seem that way until now because it looked like he might win the nomination. But now, Sanders is doing what issue candidates always try to do: force his priorities on the party.

That effort is one of the reasons Sanders lost. The message discipline that served him so well until now suddenly made him seem not only disconnected from the crisis at hand but determined to exploit it for an agenda ill-suited to deal with it.

"Let's be honest and understand that this coronavirus pandemic exposes the incredible weakness and dysfunction of our current health care system," Sanders said.

It fell to Biden to point out that the Italians have a single-payer system that hasn't prevented the calamity befalling them. That's not to say that it's made things worse, either. The reason Italy is in such a mess is that it didn't take the threat seriously in the beginning. Sound familiar?

Sanders also repeatedly attacked the "health care industry" – not just insurers, but the whole system – which seems rather tone deaf given that this very industry is on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis. It was like denouncing the military during a war.

When asked how he'd deal with the economic consequences of the pandemic, Sanders used it as an opportunity to replay his greatest hits on income inequality. That's a message many Democrats may agree with, particularly when the economy is roaring. But when it is grinding to a halt because of a public health emergency, they probably want to hear more immediate and practical solutions, not ideological ax-grinding.

Biden didn't seem to fully grasp this dynamic. He seemed to be under the impression that his top priority is to win over Sanders' voters, even though his historic comeback is entirely attributable to the fact that voters see him as a viable alternative to Sanders. Biden will never get the socialist die-hards, and attempting to do so risks both losing the suburban moderates who came out for him in droves and giving President Donald Trump the very line of attack he desperately wants.

In the past, once nominees of either party locked up the nomination, they tacked to the center. Barack Obama and Donald Trump didn't need to do that for reasons unique to them.

But Biden isn't them. He's running as vanilla ice cream. Vanilla ice cream is the most popular flavor not because it's everyone's favorite, but because it's the least objectionable flavor.

Letting Sanders pull him leftward, which Biden did somewhat on Sunday night on issues such as immigration and fracking, would be a huge mistake. He should have used every opportunity to turn the question to the imperative of replacing Trump, which is the unifying message for all of Biden's potential voters.

The Sanders chapter is over. The general election has begun. The last thing we need is more debates about Democratic Party direction.

Jonah Goldberg is an editor-at-large of National Review Online and a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Coronavirus IS the 'Chinese virus'

Ben Shapiro

This week, President Donald Trump came under fire for his use of the phrase "Chinese virus" to describe the coronavirus, the source of the new pandemic that has led to a global economic shutdown as well as lockdowns of citizens in every major Western country. That media have somehow found time to hone in on the one issue that matters least – the labeling of a Chinese virus as such – in the middle of an unprecedented planetwide freeze demonstrates the utter unseriousness of those objecting. That the term should be controversial at all is nearly beyond belief. The virus did indeed originate in China. Most of all, that the Chinese government should be shielded in any way from the results of its own pathological and tyrannical misgovernment is perverse beyond measure.

Make no mistake: The Chinese government is chiefly responsible for the explosion of this pandemic. The so-called wet markets of China – the meat markets that often include wild animals ranging from snakes to pangolins – exist for a variety of reasons, ranging from price to superstitious belief in medicinal properties of exotic animals. According to Zhenzhong Si, research associate at the University of Waterloo, "Eating wild animal is considered a symbol of wealth because they are more rare and expensive." Whatever the rationale, the communist Chinese government has been exceedingly tolerant of such markets, even though they have now been responsible for the spread of coronavirus, SARS, bird flu, Asian flu and swine fever. The Chinese government has been similarly tolerant of treatment via traditional Chinese medicine rather than evidence-based medicine, which has increased the risk of such diseases.

The same Chinese government now being praised for its extraordinary crackdown on its own citizens – the same government that is said to be imprisoning up to a million Uighurs for no specific crimes – has been unwilling for decades to stop the selling of exotic animals. Authoritarianism obviously doesn't apply to the most obvious solution to a bevy of possible epidemics.

Meanwhile, the Chinese government acted early to shut down the spread of information about the coronavirus, which paved the way for freedom of travel by carriers of the disease. When ophthalmologist Li Wenliang told fellow doctors about coronavirus in an online chat room in December, he was forced to swear by the Chinese government that he had been making "untrue statements." He ended up dying of the disease. When further information began to emerge about the coronavirus, the communist government simply lied about it, suggesting that case numbers were not rising – a lie bought by the World Health Organization.

Even now the Chinese government continues to spread propaganda suggesting that the coronavirus originated in the United States. Lijian Zhao, deputy director-general of the Information Department of China's Foreign Ministry, tweeted a link to an article he claimed had "Evidence that the Virus Originated in the US." And is it truly believable that China had just 127 diagnosed cases of coronavirus between March 9 and March 16, even as the Chinese government expels American journalists en masse from both China and Hong Kong?

Once this is all over, it's far past time for Americans to have a serious discussion about the extent to which openness to China ought to be curbed. The Trump administration should consider a travel ban on China until China has verifiably shut down its exotic animals markets, at the very least. The current crisis will cost millions of American jobs, millions more of Americans' savings and thousands of American lives. To trust the Chinese government after a global betrayal of this magnitude would not only be foolish; it would be immoral.

Ben Shapiro is editor-in-chief of Daily Wire.com.

IN BRIEF

BC Sheriff's Office records lobby closed

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Sheriff's Office announced Wednesday that its records lobbies in St. Joseph and Niles will be closed from now until at least April 6, out of an abundance of caution and an attempt to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The sheriff's office reported in a news release that during this shutdown, records department employees will continue to work at the sheriff's office and will be available by telephone, email and fax.

Obtaining a pistol purchase permit, sex offender registrant updates and fingerprinting are all postponed until the records lobbies re-open.

Pistol sales records and licenses to purchase can be mailed when they are completed and the gun has been purchased to: Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Attn: Records Department, 919 Port St., St. Joseph MI 49085.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, along with most requests for information, can be handled by mail, by fax to (269) 982-8650, or by email at sdrecords@berriencounty.org.

For general questions, call 983-7141 Ext. 7211 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Martin's reserves morning hours for older shoppers

ST. JOSEPH — Martin's Super Markets, with locations in Indiana and Michigan, announced Wednesday that it will reserve morning hours for older shoppers on Tuesday and Thursdays.

From 7 to 9 a.m., Martin's is asking younger customers not to shop so that the store can offer extra assistance to shoppers over the age of 60.

Martin's Side Door Deli Café entrances will be open to all ages for those that want to pick up coffee and/or a lunch to go.

In addition to the special hours, Martin's "Groceries to Go" service is waiving the shopping fee for seniors placing orders March 22 to 31.

March 25 is a designated seniors only order day. Martin's asks that younger shoppers select other pickup days in order to have all available time slots available for seniors. Complete details are at www.martinsgroceriestogo.com.

Martin's has also put limits on some items including milk, eggs, bread and certain meat products. Customers should see their store for details, as availabilities will vary by location.

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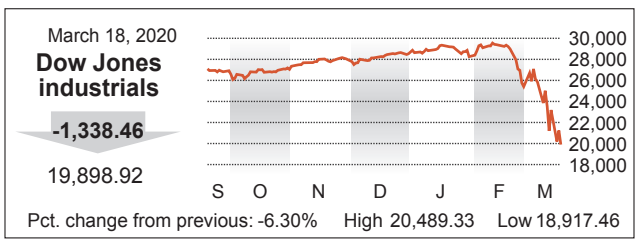

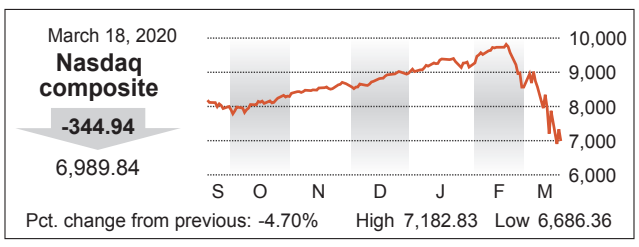

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LocalStocks

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AEP	AEP	73.53	104.97	88.28	-2.92	-3.2	▲	▼	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	246.67	-6.19	-2.4	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	840.91	1274.41	808.50	-105.42	-11.5	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	17.50	45.38	16.11	-2.73	-14.5	▼	▼	▼
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CocaCola	KO	41.17	60.07	44.85	-2.33	-4.9	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	34.44	47.74	35.68	-2.54	-6.6	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	119.07	180.48	114.21	-12.50	-9.9	▼	▼	▼
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DollarTree	DLTR	66.85	119.71	65.57	-10.88	-14.2	▼	▼	▼
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WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales as of Tuesday, March 17. Prices are per pound.

Choice steers & heifers . . . 94 cents-99 cents
High yielding choice & prime 91 cents-94 cents
Utility cows . . . . . 55 cents-75 cents
Canner & cutter cows . . . . 45 cents-65 cents
Bulls . . . . . 70 cents-90 cents
Top bull calves . . . . . 55 cents-$1.25
Hay . . . . . .$1.80-$6.75 per bale
Straw . . . . . .$3.00-$4.00 per bale

For information, call 792-2296 or fax 792-8055.

Getting it straight

A story in Wednesday's edition implied Baroda voters in the August primary election will vote on whether Baroda Township Clerk Christina Price should be able to bring her baby to work. Candidates for all township board positions, including the clerk, as well as any proposals, will be on the ballot for the primary election.

OBITUARIES

Bruce LeRoy Black

Nov. 13, 1930 – March 13, 2020

Bruce LeRoy Black, 89, of Fennville, Mich., passed away Friday, March 13, 2020, at his home in Glenn, Mich., with his family holding his hands.

He was born to Roy and Rose (Morse) Black on Nov. 13, 1930, in South Haven. He graduated from South Haven High School in 1949. Bruce grew up farming with his family and began to custom farm right out of high school. He then married Barbara Sharp, also of Glenn, on Oct. 3, 1959. That same year he started Bruce Black Excavating. Over the next 60 years, the company he loved grew and earned a reputation for excellence and integrity throughout the area. Bruce's passion for hard work and commitment to a job well done showed through in every project the company completed. He was very proud to have lived his entire life in Glenn and give back to the community he loved. Bruce enjoyed traveling with his family all over the United States camping. This continued with many years of Bruce and Barb enjoying their RV adventures.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Stanley Black; sister, Beverly Black Jevert; and an infant daughter in 1963.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara of Glenn; children, Dan Black of Fennville, Bob (Susan) Black of Farmington, Mich., and Becky Black of Fenton, Mich.; and four grandchildren: Skyler Black, Peyton Black, Zach Eakes and Zoe Eakes.

In response to recent world events, the family will hold a private memorial service. A public celebration of Bruce's extraordinary life will be announced as soon as it can be safely planned. The funeral will be officiated by Pastor Marsha Tucker. Bruce will be laid to rest in McDowell Cemetery. Contributions may be made in Bruce's memory to Hospice of Holland, 270 Hoover Blvd., Holland, MI 49423. The family would like to send a special thank you to his hospice caretakers. Also, thank you to the staff at Freedom Village and all of Bruce's friends that came to visit with a joke and a smile while he was in the hospital and Freedom Village.

The family welcomes memories and messages on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. Helping the family is Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, 637-0333.

Death notices

Donald R. Bish, 88, of Stevensville died March 15, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Bruce L. Black, 89, of Fennville, Mich., died March 13, 2020, at home in Glenn, Mich. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Kathleen M. "Kathy" Deegan, 73, of St. Joseph died March 17, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Stephanie J. Dotson, 64, of South Haven died March 15, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Bonnie D. (Campbell) Lloyd, 80, of Olathe, Colo., formerly of Berrien Springs died March 7, 2020, in Olathe. Grand Valley Funeral Home, Grand Junction, Colo., (970) 549-1114.

Elizabeth P. McClellan, 69, of St. Joseph, formerly of Gallatin, Tenn., died March 16, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Genevieve I. Rindfield, 95, of Berrien Springs died March 18, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Marlene Vandenburg, 82, of Niles died March 17, 2020. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Lester Young, 74, of Niles died March 18, 2020, at the Center for Hospice, South Bend, Ind. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Stephanie Jean Dotson

March 31, 1955 – March 15, 2020

Stephanie Jean Dotson, 64, of South Haven passed away Sunday, March 15, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

She was born March 31, 1955, to Joel and Joan (Stanley) Lewis Sr. in South Haven. Stephanie married Robert Lee Dotson Jr. on Nov. 10, 1973. They shared 46 years in marriage before his passing in July, 2019. Stephanie loved music and loved to dance. She was a devoted homemaker and loving mother and wife.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Dotson Jr.

Stephanie is survived by her children, Robert Lee Dotson III of Covert and Yolanda (Elton Sr.) Edwards of Saltillo, Miss.; granddaughters, Savoy Edwards and Khaliyah and Khashari Arterberry; and siblings, Valerie Lewis, Joel Lewis Jr. and Lillian (Rafale) Rollins.

Private family services will be held. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Donald R. Bish

Aug. 8, 1931 – March 15, 2020

Donald R. Bish, 88, of Stevensville passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at home.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Visitation will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, also at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Don was born on Aug. 8, 1931, to Julius and Amelia Bish in Benton Harbor. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1950. Professionally, Don's career began as a projectionist at the State Theatre in Benton Harbor. He then worked at Whirlpool for 14 years before joining the United States Postal Service, where he retired after nearly 14 years. Don loved listening to and playing classical music on his piano. He also enjoyed classic cars.

Don is survived by his nephews, David (Connie) Bush and Wendell (Merrily) Emery; and lifelong friend, Larry (Shirley) Cole.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Amelia Bish; brothers and sisters, Dorothy Richter, Leona Bish, Lillian Sivage, Edward Bish, Theodore "Pike" Bish, Helen Potter, Leocadia "Kittie" Cassin, Marian Bush, Elsie Bish and Pearl Sepp; and nephews, Charles and Edward Bish.

Elizabeth Paulette McClellan

Jan. 5, 1951 – March 16, 2020

Elizabeth Paulette McClellan, 69, of St. Joseph, formerly of Gallatin, Tenn., went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 16, 2020, at home.

A celebration of life service will be held at noon on Friday, March 20, at First Baptist Church, 290 E. Winchester St., Gallatin, Tenn. Burial will follow in Crest Cemetery, Gallatin. Visitation will be one hour prior also at the church. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Elizabeth was born on Jan. 5, 1951, to Elvis and Sarah (Hill) Lyles in Gallatin. She graduated from Gallatin High School in 1970. On Aug. 28, 1970, she married Mose H. McClellan III in Gallatin. Elizabeth spent most of her professional career as a nurse. She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Gallatin. In her younger years she enjoyed bowling. Elizabeth also liked baking and will be remembered as a fun, outgoing and caring person. Most of all, she cherished her family.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband of 49 years, Mose; daughters, Daphne McClellan and Angela (Eric) Bartholomei; grandchildren, Taneka McClellan, Joshua Dixon, Mya Dixon, Giana McClellan and Peyton McClellan; siblings, Marva Love Douglas, Tennie Mae Coakley, Ronald (Linda) Malone, Marva Malone, Twanka Malone, Dale (Tina) Malone and Crystal (Bobby) Malone-Watkins; and devoted nieces and nephews, Jarrett Malone, Marvis (Amber) Malone, Victor Malone, Thaddeus Malone and Blaze Malone.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elvis and Sarah Lyles; son, Moses McClellan IV; and siblings, Elvis, Leroy and Joseph Lyles.

Stocks tumble amid recession fears

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NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled more than 5 percent on Wall Street Wednesday, and the Dow erased virtually all its gains since President Donald Trump's 2017 inauguration. Even prices for investments seen as safe during downturns fell as the coronavirus outbreak chokes the economy and investors rush to raise cash.

Markets have been incredibly volatile for weeks as Wall Street and the White House acknowledge the rising likelihood that the pandemic will cause a recession. The typical day this month has seen the stock market swing up or down by 4.9 percent. Over the last decade, it was just 0.4 percent.

It was just a day before that the Dow surged more than 5 percent after Trump promised massive aid to the economy, but the number of infections keeps climbing, and the Dow erased all but 0.4 percent of its gain since Trump's inauguration. The S&P 500, which dictates how 401(k) accounts perform much more than the Dow, is down 29.2 percent from its record set last month, though it's still up 12.1 percent since Election Day 2016.

The S&P 500's slide was so sharp that trading was halted for 15 minutes Wednesday. The index ended the day down 5.2 percent after earlier being down as much as 9.8 percent.

Delta Air Lines said Wednesday it's parking at least half its planes to catch up with a plummeting drop in travel. Detroit's big three automakers have agreed to close their North American factories to protect workers. And at the New York Stock Exchange, all trading will go electronic after the trading floor begins a temporary closure Monday.

As big swaths of the economy retrench while much of society comes to a halt in an attempt to slow the spread of the virus, investors have clamored for Congress, Federal Reserve and other authorities around the world to support the economy until it can begin to reopen.

They got a big shot of that Tuesday, when the Trump administration briefed lawmakers on a program that could surpass $1 trillion and the Fed announced its latest moves to support markets.

But the worldwide number of known infections has topped 200,000, which creates more uncertainty about how badly the economy is getting hit, how much profit companies will make and how many companies may go into bankruptcy due to a cash crunch.

"It's, it's a very tough situation," Trump said at a news conference, during which losses for stocks accelerated. "You have to do things. You have to close parts of an economy that six weeks ago were the best they've ever been.... And then one day you have to close it down in order to defeat this enemy."

"The volatility is going to be here to stay," said Brian Nick, chief investment strategist at Nuveen. "It's about the virus and not the economic response."

Wednesday's selling swept markets around the world. Benchmark U.S. oil fell 24 percent and dropped below $21 per barrel for the first time since 2002. European stock indexes lost more than 4 percent following broad losses in Asia. Even prices for longer-term U.S. Treasurys, which are seen as some of the safest possible investments, fell as investors sold what they could to raise cash. Gold also fell.

"They're just saying, 'I may take some losses here, but if we have cash we can deploy it when we know more,'" said J.J. Kinahan, chief strategist with TD Ameritrade. "The problem for the market really is we just don't know anymore. And until we really know where things are at, you may see people who just want to have as much cash as possible."

For most people, the coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, and those with mild illness recover in about two weeks. Severe illness including pneumonia can occur, especially in the elderly and people with existing health problems, and recovery could take six weeks in such cases.

"These are truly unprecedented events with no adequate historical example with which to precisely anchor our forecast," Deutsche Bank economists wrote in a report Wednesday.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

St. Joseph Township has finally gotten ownership of the land on which officials plan to develop a complex of six soccer fields. The 32-acre site, located off Maiden Lane between Lincoln and Washington avenues, cost $129,000, but the township is getting $93,000 of that back from the Department of Natural Resources, said Township Superintendent Isadore DiMaggio.

Besides soccer fields, the site will include a picnic pavilion that can handle 300-400 people, a major playground structure, restrooms, parking, bleachers and maintenance facilities.

35 years ago – 1985

An unmarked state police car was reported stolen last night. South Haven Post Commander Roy Gaddy said the 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass and a 1972 pickup truck were stolen at the same time from the parking lot at Melody Bowling Lanes in South Haven Township. The car was assigned to Detective Jeff Wallis, who was off duty and bowling at the time. The vehicle contained a police radio and a loaded 38-caliber revolver.

50 years ago – 1970

There were no picket lines this morning at either of the Twin Cities' post offices. Strikes by postal worker unions for higher wages are in their third day, but the strikes have not been recognized by the president of the National Association of Letter Carriers. Clerks and carriers are on the job in both St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, March 19, the 79th day of 2020. There are 287 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 11:50 p.m. EDT, the earliest the vernal equinox has occurred in 124 years.

Highlight in history:

On March 19, 1966, the Texas Western Miners defeated the heavily favored Kentucky Wildcats, 72-65, to win the NCAA Championship played in College Park, Maryland; making the contest especially noteworthy was that Texas Western became the first basketball team to start five black players in a national title game as it faced an all-white Kentucky squad.

On this date:

In 1917, a divided U.S. Supreme Court, in Wilson v. New, upheld, 5-4, the eight-hour work day for interstate railroad workers.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

In 2013, Pope Francis officially began his ministry as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
61°	49°	51° / 25°	33° / 27°	40° / 33°	44° / 38°

Local Outlook

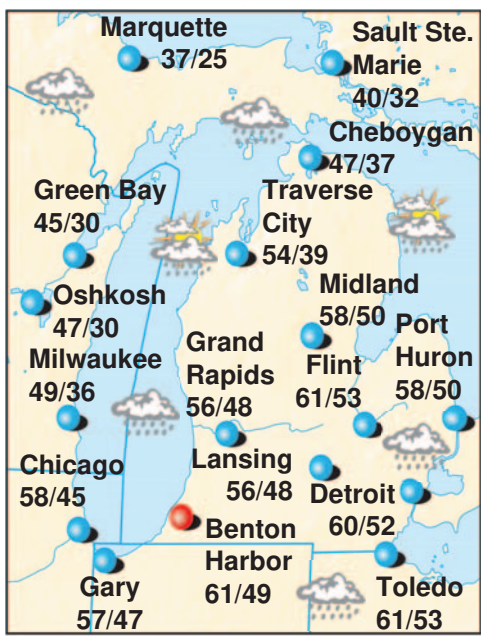
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of rain, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 74%. Southeast wind 6 to 19 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 49°. South southwest wind 18 to 23 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:49 a.m.
Sunset	7:57 p.m.
Moonrise	5:50 a.m.
Moonset	3:24 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
3/24	4/1	4/7	4/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	46°
Low	34°
Normal High	48°
Normal Low	29°
Record High	80° in 2012
Record Low	19° in 2007

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.10"
Month to date	0.73"
Normal for month	1.34"
Year to date	5.65"
Normal Year to date	4.51"

Air Quality

Yesterday	27
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

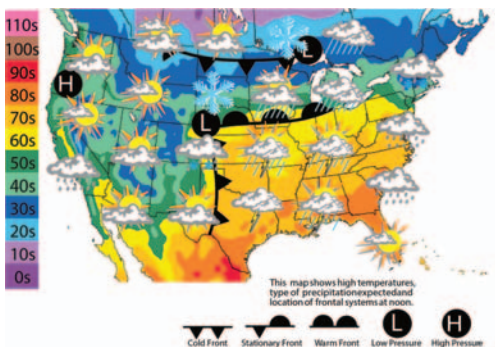
Weather Trivia

How strong have thunderstorm winds ever been without evidence of a tornado?

Answer: The highest recorded thunderstorm wind ever clocked was 149.5 mph.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 19, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SE wind 9 to 16 kt, with gusts as high as 28 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 18 to 22 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with widespread rain, highs from the 30s to the 50s. East wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 20s and 30s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 50s and 60s. Southeast wind 6 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with widespread rain, highs from the 40s to the 60s. Northwest wind 18 to 22 mph.

Whitmer: Lack of testing a concern in Michigan

Number of cases now over 100

By GUS BURNS
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LANSING — As Gov. Gretchen Whitmer offered condolences to family and friends of the state's first COVID-19 victim, she acknowledged the lack of tests to gauge the full extent of the virus's spread.

"A week ago we were standing here at two cases and now we are well above 100 cases," Whitmer said, while at least six feet from the nearest person in the room, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

"We don't have enough tests," Whitmer said. "We don't have enough resources to process the tests ... We have set up our own state lab, which I am so grateful we did that.

" ... We are concerned about the system being overtaxed and we're also concerned about not having enough tests to do all of the tests that we believe are necessary."

As of Wednesday, state health officials had verified 80 cases of coronavirus, but due to a lack of tests, too few testing locations and 48- to 72-hour lag times on test results, health officials say there are likely many more existing cases yet to be confirmed.

The Detroit Free Press on Wednesday was reporting 116 cases in Michigan, by combining state figures with those of Oakland County.

"As the situation continues to develop, we expect more cases and, unfortunately, we expect more fatalities," said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, who joined Whitmer during her announcement Wednesday. " ... We know that so far today there are at least 30 additional cases of COVID-19 here in the state of Michigan."

Khaldun wasn't immediately able to provide figures regarding the total number of tests conducted by state government or private labs and said the state would be compiling that data over the next week.

She said nearly 500 tests have been distributed to private labs and the state lab expects to be processing up to 200 tests per day by the week's end.

Whitmer wouldn't rule out the possibility of a "shelter-in-place order" for Michigan, similar to what has been imposed in the San Francisco Bay Region.

"There could be a time that we might take that step," she said, "but at this juncture there is nothing that I am announcing on that front today or that's in the works."

Whitmer laid out a list of "tough choices" she said she made in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus, including closing all K-12 schools until April 5, asking U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to suspend standardized testing, banning assemblies of more than 50 people, closing theaters, bars, casinos and in-restaurant dining, expanding unemployment benefits from 20 to 26 weeks and delaying state tax bills for small businesses.

Whitmer thanked Attorney General Dana Nessel for her efforts combating price gouging, urged President Donald Trump to quickly sign the Families First Bill to assist families impacted by the coronavirus and questioned the federal government's lack of assistance to Michigan in addressing the coronavirus.

"But when the White House communicated to us that ... we should go around the federal government ... that's when I said it was kind of mind-boggling," Whitmer said. "That was kind of a strange message get from the head of the federal government, but I'm not going to parse that, I'm just going to get to work ... "

Trump in a post to Twitter on Tuesday, in which he referred to Whitmer as the "failing Michigan governor," said she must "work harder" to address the pandemic.

As of Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control had recorded 7,038 cases.

Michigan's first coronavirus fatality involved a man in his 50s who died at Beaumont Hospital in Wayne County Wednesday morning.

"Our medical team went to extraordinary efforts to care for this patient and we are deeply saddened by his passing and empathize with his family," Beaumont Health Chief Nursing Officer Susan Grant said in a release. "Our physicians, nurses and medical staff are all working together to care for COVID-19 patients. During a time like this, we are united to battle this virus."

Beaumont Health reported that the man had other underlying medical conditions.

Of 15 new cases announced Wednesday, all arose in Metro Detroit's Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Case data is released by MDHHS daily at 2 p.m. and includes any known cases through midnight of the day prior.

Wayne and Oakland counties have the most cases in Michigan so far, with 23 each. Men account for 55 percent of the cases and women 36 percent in cases where the sex was revealed.

COUNSELING

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Benton Harbor and Niles, has a list on its website, www.riverwoodcenter.org, of its different departments that people can call to fulfill their appointments.

Coping during a crisis

Carpenter said people with pre-existing mental health conditions may find a pandemic as extra stressing, but it could also make people in general feel anxious or sad.

"It does fall back on standard self care," she said. "If you're stuck at home, make sure you're eating well, get some exercise, good sleep and stay connected to your social support systems. Social distancing doesn't mean we cease connection with people. There's still texting, phone calls and social media. We should stay involved while we feel isolated in our homes."

She said when the weather is nice, get outside for a walk or do other self-care activities, and have kids work on projects.

"Take yourself away from what is happening. Don't spend all day watching the news," she said.

Hess said there are many free online resources for those seeking comfort or help right now, including guides on how to talk to your kids about what is going on.

The Anxiety and Depression Association of America has complied a list of articles, videos, as well as links to free coronavirus anxiety virtual support groups.

The Child Mind Institute has an article and video about talking to kids and NPR has published an informative comic, along with a three minute audio clip, for kids.

Carpenter suggested a few things to look for in children, and adults, that might indicate they need some counseling or support during all of this.

"If they're experiencing more crying or irritation, difficulty sleeping or excessive worry," she said. "It's hard to say what excessive worry is in a time like this, but it would be elevated levels of anxiety, anything you may notice that seems beyond what people around you are experiencing."

The Centers for Disease Control has a Disaster Distress hotline, 1-800-985-5990, that Carpenter said she would direct people to if they are in need of help.

"But of course call 911 if you feel like you're a danger to yourself," she said. "We need to spread the word and take care of everyone in our community."

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CONCERT

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does not mean they need to be tested," Conrad said. "It does not mean they need to be practicing self-quarantine or monitoring. If people were just at the concert that day and never got close to Ms. Patty, they do not need to be worried about getting tested at this time."

Andrews University on Wednesday alerted the public on Facebook that it had been contacted by several university colleagues and community members regarding Patty's status.

"With this information, we are actively working with the appropriate Berrien County health officials to immediately understand and effectively respond to the implications of this report," the Andrews' Facebook post stated. "Further information will follow shortly on what you should do if you are concerned about close contact with Sandi during this event."

Although Patty had retired from touring in 2017, she recently appeared in concert in Michigan and Arkansas.

Patty, originally from Oklahoma, was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2004.

The 63-year-old expressed relief in an Instagram post about not interacting with members of Crossings Community Church in Oklahoma City, where she serves as artist in residence.

"I am at home and Don and I are under quarantine for the next 14 days," wrote Patty, in reference to her husband. "I'm so impressed with how our health department handled my case and grateful for their attentiveness. They are working so hard right now to keep us all safe."

Those who are self-quarantining as a result of having close contact with Patty should contact the Berrien County Health Department hotline at 1-800-815-5485 if symptoms begin. The Health Department has further explanations of self-quarantine and self-monitoring on their website.

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Preventing the spread of COVID-19

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand-sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands, as much as possible.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

ADDICTION

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are still open, they are giving people access to computers so they can participate in groups and counseling online.

"Thankfully they've loosened the reins on HIPPA, so if clients want to video chat us through Facebook messenger or Facetime, we can do that," she said. "So our peer counselors are here, making phone calls and reaching out, making sure people are safe."

Alcoholics Anonymous of Southwest Michigan has a running list of canceled and moved AA meetings in Southwest Michigan on its website, www.aasouthwestmichigan.org.

Churches are a common meeting place for AA groups, and with those closed, it has created a problem for those "needing a meeting."

A representative at the Alano House in Stevensville, a meeting place for many AA groups, said while the house remains open for now, its board of directors is encouraging people to stay home if they feel sick.

In addition, some larger meetings will have attendees split up into smaller groups in different rooms of the house to meet the CDC guidelines of not gathering in groups of more than 10.

The man, who wished to remain anonymous, said that for him, the thing he's been trying to do the most during all of this has been staying in contact with other alcoholics online and over the phone.

"Our board is suggesting we call each other to make sure no one feels isolated," he said.

Sanders said social isolation and lack of support is very hard on an addict's brain.

"They're always looking for a reason to use," she said. "And this 'sky is falling mentality' on social media has been instilling fear."

A young man in their recovery program has already relapsed.

"And none of us can go see him, so again, he's isolated and it's heartbreaking," Sanders said.

She said a big part of their program is to get people's basic needs met before they start climbing that ladder of recovery.

"But it's hard to get into shelters or food pantries right now. Those places were already under extreme pressure, and some people are now unemployed or not getting income," Sanders said. "What does that mean for our clientele? Everything has gotten harder."

She said any addicts, recovering or otherwise, can call in to get help at 556-1526.

"Addicts can experience paranoia, fear and anxiety, and they might be afraid to leave to come to us, but we have four phone lines, we have emergency cell phones," Sanders said. "If you just need to be talked down, reach out and we will do whatever we can."

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hp SPORTS

Lions agree to deal with Shelton, Slay tweets hope for trade

By NOAH TRISTER
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DETROIT — Add a couple more names to the parade of ex-Patriots joining the Detroit Lions.

And one of the top players on Detroit's current roster is apparently ready to leave.

The Lions agreed to a two-year, $8 million deal with defensive tackle Danny Shelton. Agent Drew Rosenhaus confirmed that deal Wednesday. Shelton started 14 games last season for New England.

The Patriots also agreed to trade safety Duron Harmon to the Lions. Both teams announced the deal, but did not announce additional terms. The trade is pending a physical.

ESPN, citing an unidentified source, reported Wednesday night that cornerback Desmond Trufant was signing a two-year deal with the Lions. Darius Slay, who is currently Detroit's top player at that position, tweeted the following in response to that reported deal:

"Congrats to my guy!!!! Hope that speeds up my trade process!!"

It would not be a surprise if Slay were dealt, but that activity on his twitter account added more drama to Detroit's offseason.

Lions coach Matt Patricia has familiarity with Harmon. Patricia, now entering his third season as Detroit's coach, was New England's defensive coordinator before taking over the Lions.

Detroit general manager Bob Quinn also has New England ties, and it has been common for the Lions to add former Patriots to their roster in recent years.

The Lions have reportedly agreed to deals with offensive tackle Halapoulivaati Vaitai, linebacker Jamie Collins, defensive tackle Nick Williams and backup quarterback Chase Daniel. Collins played last season with the Patriots and was also with New England from 2013-16.

Last season, Detroit added several other players who had previously been with the Patriots, including defensive end Trey Flowers, receiver Danny Amendola and defensive back Justin Coleman.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Hundreds of people gather during a celebration of the Benton Harbor High School's Class B state championship win in 2018 at Benton Harbor High School.

It's his court

Benton Harbor to name basketball floor after longtime coach Paul Wilhite

By BEN SANDERS
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Paul Wilhite's name will soon be on Benton Harbor's basketball court. His contributions have been visible there for more than 50 years.

The Benton Harbor school board recently approved a measure to name the court after Wilhite, who coached the Tigers' boys basketball team from 1988-2001 and the girls from 1978-1987. He guided both teams to state finals appearances and had a 268-47 record as boys coach. Counting time spent coaching the junior varsity, Wilhite won nearly 700 games at Benton Harbor.

"I think it's a great honor for them to put your name on the court," Wilhite said. "I had a pretty good career too. People are doing a lot for me right now."

Dayrl Jackson, president of the Benton Harbor Athletic Sports Club, presented the idea to the school board, and his organization raised funds to have it implemented.

"He's not only a legend, but he's also the only coach in our history to take the boys and girls to the state finals," Jackson said.

Jackson, who played for coach Wilhite, added he hopes to have a ceremony for the coach at the start of next season.

"We want to make it a special thing for him," Jackson said. "We're hoping to have it on the floor and have a big ceremony.

"We want to put it real big on both sides, so people can appreciate what this man has done on the court and off the court."

Wilhite came to Benton Harbor in 1965 after attending college at Arkansas-Pine Bluff in his hometown. He said he didn't know much about the school, but was aware that NBA star Chet Walker was from Benton Harbor, and that the boys basketball team led by standout LC Bowen had just won back-to-back Class A state titles.

"I knew they could play basketball here," Wilhite said.

Wilhite led the girls team to a Class A state runner-up finish in 1984. His best boys teams reached the Class A state finals in 1992 and 1993, losing to Detroit Pershing each time.

"That was a great time, great teams," Wilhite said. "It's not easy to get there. We played seven days a week, we were in the gym all the time."

Wilhite can rattle off the names of countless great players he's coached. Among the standouts were Anthony "Pig" Miller and Robert Whaley, who both reached the NBA.

"I thought I had the best job in the state," Wilhite said. "Great fan support, the administration was behind me, great assistant coaches."

Don Campbell / HP file photo

Paul Wilhite acknowledges the crowd during the Paul Wilhite Classic at Benton Harbor High School last year.

Wilhite stopped coaching in 2001, but his influence on the program is still strong. He regularly attends games, and the Tigers' three head coaches since then – Ramsey Nichols, Marcus Muhammad and Corey Sterling – all played for him.

"It's great that we're able to honor coach Wilhite this way," Sterling said. "It's good to give people their flowers while they can receive them."

Sterling guided Benton Harbor to the 2018 Class B state title and had the Tigers among the favorites for this season's Division 2 crown before the coronavirus outbreak suspended the tournament. He said Wilhite had a big influence on his coaching philosophy, from his intense pressure defense to scheduling tough competition, as well as the bigger picture.

"One thing Wilhite taught us was just to live right off the court and good things will happen to you," Sterling said. "Treat everybody with respect, be a good son, husband, father, student. That's one thing we preach."

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Ottawa player is First in NHL to test positive

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The NHL has its first known case of the new coronavirus after an Ottawa Senators player tested positive.

The team announced late Tuesday that an unidentified player had tested positive for COVID-19. The Senators said the player has mild symptoms and is in isolation, and that other players are being tested under the supervision of medical authorities.

Ottawa players, coaches and others have been advised to remain isolated, monitor their health and seek advice from team medical staff. The NHL is not mandating testing.

"The current state of medical advice is that people should likely not be tested unless they are symptomatic," deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press by email Wednesday. "That doesn't mean that potentially exposed individuals shouldn't take proper precautions such as adhering to self-quarantine principles as necessary and immediately reporting to medical staff should they become symptomatic."

NHL Players' Association spokesman Jonathan Weatherdon said the union has been in contact with Senators players about the situation.

The Senators' final three games before the season was suspended were all in California: in San Jose on March 7, Anaheim on March 10 and Los Angeles against the Kings on March 11. The NBA's Brooklyn Nets, who had four players test positive, played at Staples Center in Los Angeles the previous night, though visiting basketball and hockey teams do not use the same locker room.

The Kings released a statement saying they will continue monitoring daily, but no member of the organization has demonstrated any symptoms consistent with the onset of COVID-19. The Ducks said no player has reported COVID-19 symptoms at this time. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman last week announced the season was on pause with the hope of resuming and still awarding the Stanley Cup. The league and players' association provided new direction to players Monday that effectively pushed back the earliest resumption date to early May, in light of CDC guidelines.

Jaguars agree to trade Quarterback Nick Foles to Bears

By MARK LONG
AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are trying to mitigate one of the costliest mistakes in franchise history.

A person familiar with the trade says the Jaguars have agreed to send quarterback Nick Foles to the Chicago Bears for a compensatory fourth-round draft pick, No. 140 overall.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because trades can't become official until after the league year begins Wednesday afternoon.

The Jaguars are dumping Foles a little more than a year after giving the 2018 Super Bowl MVP a four-year, $88 million contract that included a whopping $50.125 million guaranteed.

The Bears are getting a veteran starter to compete with Mitchell Trubisky, who struggled in his third season.

Foles is due to make $15.125 million in 2020 and would have counted $21.837 million against Jacksonville's salary cap. Dealing him will still be costly for the Jaguars – they will take on $18.75 million in dead money this fall – but it will free up about $35 million over the next two years. Jacksonville saves a little more than $3 million in 2020 by trading him.

Jaguars general manager Dave Caldwell and coach Doug Marrone are beginning a full rebuild after the team's 10th losing season in the last 12 years. Last March, they raved about Foles and what it meant to finally have a franchise quarterback after a decades-long search that saw Jacksonville try Byron Leftwich, David Garrard, Blaine Gabbert, Chad Henne and Blake Bortles.

But the 31-year-old Foles ended up being a bust in Jacksonville. He broke his left collarbone early in the season opener, missed the next eight games and then got benched in his third game back.

Rookie Gardner Minshew, a sixth-round draft pick from Washington State, played well enough in Foles' absence to make Caldwell and Marrone believe he's got more upside as a starter moving forward. It also made Foles expendable.

Jacksonville had been willing to keep Foles as a high-priced backup in 2020. But a wild carousel of quarterback moves to open free agency – Philip Rivers to Indianapolis, Tom Brady to Tampa Bay and Teddy Bridgewater to Carolina – created a market for Foles.

Now, he heads to the Windy City.

Bears general manager Ryan Pace had said the team remains committed to Trubisky despite his regression in 2019. Pace largely tied his reputation to Trubisky by trading up a spot with San Francisco to draft him with the No. 2 overall pick in 2017, ahead of Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes and Houston's Deshaun Watson. While Mahomes and Watson have emerged as two of the best quarterbacks in the league, Trubisky has mixed some promising flashes with poor decisions and throws.

The Bears were hoping he would take a big step last season – his second in coach Matt Nagy's system – but that did not happen. His yards (3,138), completion rate (63.2 percent), touchdowns (17) and rating (83) all dropped from the previous year.

Foles, meanwhile, completed 77 of 117 passes for 736 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions in four games last season. He also ran four times for 23 yards and lost two fumbles.

He was the most coveted free-agent quarterback on the market in 2019 after leading Philadelphia to four playoff victories over two seasons, including the franchise's first NFL title since 1960. He earned 2018 Super Bowl MVP honors and a season later made himself the league's top QB commodity.

Jacksonville will turn to Minshew for the foreseeable future. Joshua Dobbs will serve as Jacksonville's backup. The Jags traded a fifth-round pick to Pittsburgh last September for Dobbs.

Mark Zaleski / AP

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Nick Foles scrambles against the Tennessee Titans last season. A person familiar with the trade says the Jacksonville Jaguars have agreed to send quarterback Nick Foles to the Chicago Bears for a compensatory fourth-round draft pick.

Still, Caldwell and Marrone will forever be saddled with badly botching Jacksonville's quarterback situation in consecutive years.

With former top executive Tom Coughlin calling the shots, the Jaguars paid Bortles a three-year, $58 million contract in February 2018. The deal included $26.5 million guaranteed and cost the Jags $16.5 million in dead money last year. It was the highest dead-money cap hit in NFL history.

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING MAR. 19

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 Pruitt takes a stand. (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Give a Little Bit" (N)		:01 A Million Little Things (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	:00 2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (N) (L) CC				2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA.		
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Will & Grace (N)	Indebted (N) CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Outmatched	Deputy "10-8 Agency" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece CC		Father Brown CC		Antiques Roadshow (Part 3 of 3) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene (N) CC		Legacies (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Katy Keene (N) CC		Legacies (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Resolutions" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 (N) CC		Live PD: Wanted (N) CC		60 Days In Tony gets right back to work.	
AMC	Batman Returns	📽 ★★★ Taken ('08, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen. CC				:05 📽 ★★★ Inside Man ('06) CC	
Animal	Yukon	Yukon Men: On the Edge (N)				Lone Star Law	
BET	6:00 📽 ★★ Enough ('02)			📽 ★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman			
Big Ten	Softball	To Be Announced					
Bravo	Top Chef "The Tao of Macau" CC		Top Chef "Finale" It's the final showdown. CC			Top Chef "It's Like They Never Left!"	
Cartoon	Apple	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Keeping the Faith	📽 ★ The Whole Ten Yards ('04, Comedy) Bruce Willis. CC			:40 📽 ★★★ Die Hard ('88) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman. CC		
CMT	📽 ★★★ A League of Their Own ('92) Tom Hanks. CC						Sandlot
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rescue	Homestead Rescue "Volcano's Edge" (N)		Homestead Rescue "Arizona Washout"		Building Off the Grid (N) CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Barnwood	Building Alaska		Building Alaska		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Cavallari	Very Cavallari CC		Very Cavallari CC		Nightly	Cavallari
ESPN	:00 College Wrestling NCAA Division I Championship, Session II.						SportCtr
ESPN2	NIT Basketball Tournament			To Be Announced			
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 16, 1983.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Food	Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race		Vegas Chef	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Soccer	Tennis				Snow	Golf Life
Freefrm	6:30 📽 ★★ The Intern ('15, Comedy) Robert De Niro. CC			The Bold Type "5, 6, 7, 8" (N) CC		Motherland: Fort Salem CC	
FX	5:30 📽 Baywatch	📽 ★★ Bad Moms ('16, Comedy) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn. CC				Better Things	:33 Breeders
Golf	LPGA Golf			Central	PGA Golf		
Hallmark	Love on Safari	📽 Love at First Dance ('18, Romance) Niall Matter, Becca Tobin. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:40 📽 ★★ Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw ('19)			📽 After Truth: Disinformation and the Cost of Fake News			Plot-America
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		Swamp People: Ser	
HGTV	Bones	Flip	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Crowded House Hunt	
Learning	Stories	Dr. Pimple Popper		Save My Skin (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Busch	Busch	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Pregame	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks.				
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access	
Nick	Dylan	Henry Danger CC		📽 ★★★ Shrek ('01, Children's) CC			
NGEO	Wild	Wicked Tuna CC		Wicked Tuna CC		:03 Wicked Tuna	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples (N) CC		In Ice Cold Blood "Two Prints" (N)		Snapped "Kimberly Baldwin" CC	
Parmt	6:30 📽 Coming to America			Wife Swap (N) CC		Coming to America	
Showtime	6:45 Homeland	7:50 📽 ★★ The Upside ('17, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston. CC				Black Monday	:32 Black Monday
Starz	Da Vinci Code	Wrong Man CC		8:55 📽 After the Wedding ('19, Drama) Julianne Moore, Michelle Williams. CC			
STZENC	6:49 📽 ★★★★ Milk ('08) Sean Penn, Emile Hirsch. CC			📽 ★★★ 13 Going on 30 ('04) Jennifer Garner. CC			Night-Museum
SyFy	📽 ★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road ('15, Action) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult. CC (DVS)					📽 ★★★ X-Men: First Class ('11) CC	
TBS	:15 2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (N) (L) CC				2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA.		
TCM	MGM Parade	📽 ★★★ My Darling Clementine ('46, Western) Henry Fonda, Linda Darnell. CC				📽 ★★ Wichita ('55) Joel McCrea.	
TMC	Candy Corn ('19)	📽 ★★ Days of Thunder ('90, Action) Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall. CC				📽 ★ Biker Boyz ('03, Action) CC	
TNT	NCAA Tournament			2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		The Sinner "Part VII" (N) CC (DVS)	
VH1	Black Ink	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC

Transgender classmate isn't ready for romance with teen

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and have had trouble with romance for as long as I can remember. I've had almost 80 crushes since kindergarten. I counted.

Right now I am close to a relationship with a boy at my school who is a year older. I have had feelings for "Ben" for almost a year, and I found it was mutual a few months ago. He invited me to coffee but later canceled, explaining that he wasn't emotionally prepared, which was clear. He feels the way he does for a reason. Ben is a transgender male, and his mother disapproves, as do many of our classmates.

Two months ago, we agreed to be "just friends ... for now." Since then, no feelings have changed for either of us. However, I know Ben still isn't ready, largely because of his mother's and his classmates' influence.

I'm getting impatient. I've been in relationships before, the middle-school kind, and I know how my brain functions. Right now, I worry obsessively about how he feels. This will subside after a real relationship starts. But before that happens, the issue is all-consuming. I constantly rehash concerns we need to talk about in my mind, and I don't know how to ignore them until we can speak again. It makes my grades suffer.

I blame Ben's mother and classmates for the stress he's under. They're the reason for his dysphoria and panic attacks. I'm angry. I want her to leave her son alone. How can I wait peacefully and get over my bitterness toward his mother? – Crushing Teen In Ohio

DEAR TEEN: Anger, frustration and bitterness can make people sick. You need to find ways to get your mind off this budding romance and channel these negative emotions, if only because Ben isn't ready for what you have in mind. Bear in mind that he is on a long and complicated journey. (Give him props for honesty.) Then buckle down and concentrate on your schoolwork, find a sport or other activity you can involve yourself in and, if your school doesn't have a Genders and Sexualities Alliance, consider going online to gsanetwork.org and starting one at your school.

DEAR ABBY: I work in the medical field in a family practice. I love my job and helping people, but the problem is, my boss never tells the truth to our patients and overcharges them anytime he gets a chance. The sicker the patient, the more heartless he is with them. He has told some patients that we, the assistants, told him they owe him money.

It has reached a point where I cannot handle it anymore. Knowing that I see everything he does, he now can't stand me and constantly criticizes everything I do. He has become verbally aggressive and abusive.

I know this is unhealthy for me. I have insomnia because of it, and when I do get to sleep, I have nightmares about this situation. Abby, please help me because I do not know what service to contact to make a complaint against him. – Scared In Georgia

DEAR SCARED: Document everything you have observed. Then talk to your local police about possible fraud being committed by your employer. Next, contact your state medical board and report what has been going on at the expense of the patients. If these patients are senior citizens, reach out to your Area Agency on Aging (aging.georgia.gov/locations), because the "good doctor" may be committing elder abuse, which could land him in the prison system.

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Girlfriend on a fence about leaving partner for me

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I've got a very common problem with an uncommon twist: I'm in love with a woman who is in a long-term relationship with someone else. She also seems to be very much in love with me and not with her partner.

The twist is that she can't seem to make up her mind whether to honor her commitment to him and live a life she claims is tepid and unsatisfying, or take a chance on a real and lasting love with me.

I just got out of a very unhappy marriage, so I can understand both her desire for something more and her difficulty in taking that enormous leap. But I'm not interested in being "the other man" and she's not really the cheating type anyway. What advice would you give her about how to choose? – B.

DEAR B.: You have a very common problem with a very common twist. Sorry to stomp on your sense of adventure.

It is easy for a relationship to grow tepid. It is easy to become attracted to someone else while in a tepid relationship. It is easy to imagine how much better the new relationship would be than the tepid one.

It is also easy to imagine the new relationship growing tepid just like the old one – or worse. And even when you set aside that (very healthy) skepticism: Breaking a commitment, to someone you may still love and have known for so long, is really, really hard. Just because the relationship is unsatisfying doesn't mean there aren't some things that are good, some things she will miss, some things she hopes might rekindle the flame.

So my advice to her is to tell you to go away till she makes up her mind, so she can make up her mind. So she can really think. So she won't just trade old blah for new. If ending her relationship isn't the best thing for her, then it isn't for you, either, and if it is best, then she knows where you live.

DEAR CAROLYN: How do I get over the blahs of not wanting to get out and meet men? At 28, I'm not in a huge rush, but I'm also aware that time is passing. My problem, though, is that despite being very outgoing and social, I've found myself recently spending my free time only with friends and family. I just prefer the company of people I already know to that of strangers.

But if I keep this up, I'll never meet anybody. I've even tried going out with guys from dating sites, and basically this only serves to convince me I shouldn't be wasting my few moments of free time with people I don't know or really care about. - Va.

DEAR VA.: You weren't wasting your time on those dates – they gave you a valuable tip: Stop dating.

Maybe hanging with friends and family isn't the way to meet men. But forcing yourself to meet men you don't want to meet isn't the answer, either. So stay home. Friends and family have friends and family who have friends and family, and who knows what will sprout from those roots. If nothing else, you can call it a much-needed break.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Conniving
4 Supplement
7 Spy org.
10 "The Bells" poet
11 Siren, e.g.
13 Flow back
14 Play section
15 Composure
16 Ad- —
17 Safari sights
19 Tortilla dip
21 Politico — Landon
22 Tattered cloth
23 Easy mark
26 Oats holder (2 wds.)
30 Is off base
31 Overly
32 Van Gogh medium
33 Kind of system
34 Moist
35 Cipher
36 Funny — Diller
39 "Wonder —"
40 — on a limb
41 Put-on
42 Pursuit
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54 After
55 By way of
56 Hither and —
57 Ms. Zetterling
58 Hedge shrub

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1 Health club
2 Nessie's hangout
3 Abominable Snowman
4 Cool in manner
5 Lectern's place
6 AMA members
7 Small room
8 Sacred bird of Egypt
9 Mr. Eban
11 Try for a job
12 Southwest scenery
18 Not flunk
20 Get older
22 Carrot or beet
23 Steal a glance
24 Graceful entryway
25 Priam was its king
26 Proposal killers
27 Cannon roar
28 Verdi's princess
29 Hidden valley
31 Kid
35 Machine teeth
37 Spanish article
38 Pear-shaped instruments
39 Squander
41 Handbag logo
42 Dock
43 Golden Rule word
44 Shangri-la
45 Singer — Turner
46 Roman historian
47 McClurg of sitcoms
50 Spirit
52 Got a load of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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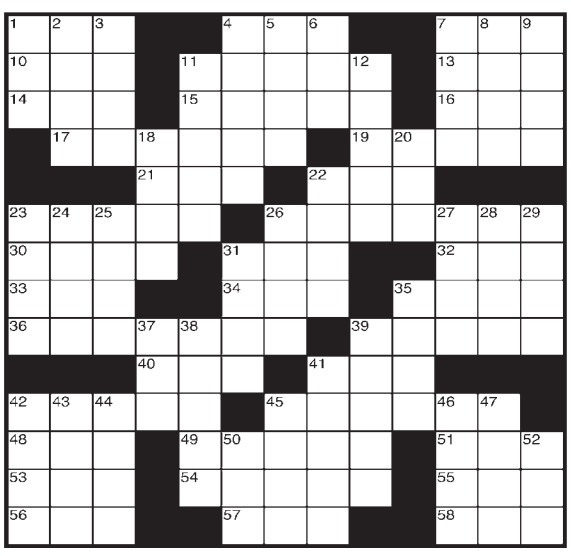

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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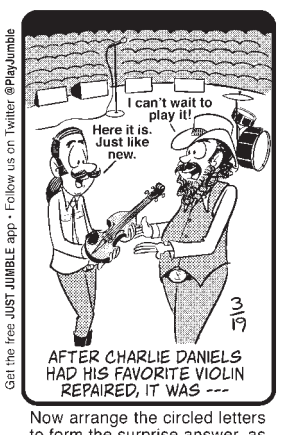

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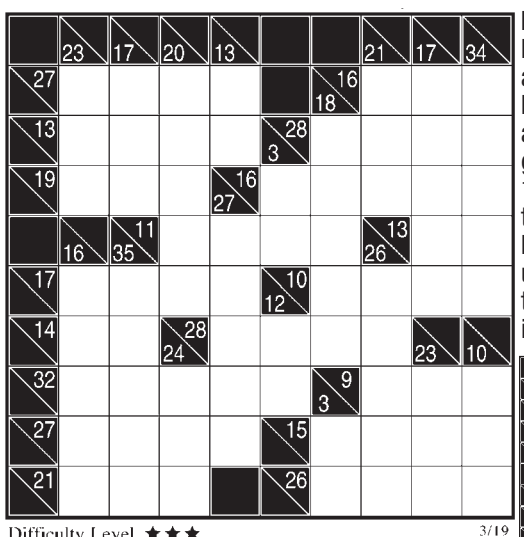
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

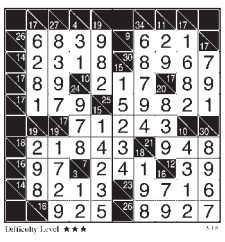
Yesterday's Jumbles: LOBBY KNOWN CANCEL KOSHER
Answer: Being near the expensive door handles meant the low-cost ones were able to — "HOB-KNOB"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/19

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

"The Goon Show" was very popular in England, especially with Prince Charles. Michael Bentine, Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers wrote bizarre comedy sketches and two-liners. For example:

"Good morning – my name is Neddy Seagoon."

"What a memory you have!"

To write their material required zany mental gymnastics. Some bridge deals need a more logical form of the same. You assume a bad lie of the opposing cards and have to find the best way to vault over it and land safely on the mat – as in this deal.

How should South play in four spades after West leads the club king?

Over South's weak two-bid, North might have bid three no-trump, but understandably went with the nine-card fit.

If East has the diamond ace, the contract will be safe. So declarer should assume that West holds that critical card. Clearly, South must fight to keep East off the lead.

Declarer should start by ducking the first trick. Maybe West will continue with a low club to his jack. Or he might switch to a diamond. But let's assume he plays a trump.

Now South does best to win in hand, lead the club jack and, when West produces the queen, duck again in the dummy.

Suppose West plays another trump. Declarer wins on the board and cashes the club ace, discarding a low heart from hand. He continues with three rounds of hearts, ruffing the last in hand. Have they broken 3-3? If so, South has a discard for his low diamond. If not, he must hope, finally, that East has the diamond ace.

North 03-19-20
♠ K Q 3
♥ A K 7 2
♦ 10 4 3
♣ A 6 5

West
♠ 6 2
♥ 9 5 4
♦ A Q 8 2
♣ K Q 10 2

East
♠ 9 5
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 9 7 6
♣ 9 8 7 4

South
♠ A J 10 8 7 4
♥ 8 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ J 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	3	1	9	6	4	8	5	7
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7	2	5	3	8	9	4	1	6
9	4	8	2	1	6	7	3	5

The Mini Page®

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Next Week: Counting U.S. citizens

Meet the Koala

photo by albagloria5

Mini Fact:
The word "koala" comes from an Aboriginal word meaning "no drink."

During the recent bushfires in Australia, the news has been full of reports of animals being stranded among the flames and smoke. Experts believe more than 1 billion native animals have died in the fires.

One of Australia's more recognizable animals is the **koala**. Thousands of these cute creatures may have died during the fire crisis, but humans are helping rescue as many as possible.

Marsupials

While we sometimes call koalas "bears," they are not. Koalas are **marsupials** (mar-SOOP-ee-uls). Marsupial moms raise babies in their pouches.

photo by Mathias Appel

When a koala is born, it is hairless and weighs less than an ounce. It is about the size of a jelly bean. After birth, the baby, called a **joey**, crawls into its mother's pouch, where it attaches itself to one of her two nipples and nurses for about six or seven months. When it comes out of the pouch, it is fully developed.

Koala babies must eat some of their mom's droppings while they are very young. These "pap" droppings contain certain bacteria that enable the koala to digest the special food it eats for the rest of its life.

Picky eaters

Koalas eat only the tender leaves and bark of certain kinds of **eucalyptus** (yoo-kuh-LIP-tuss) trees. Many kinds of these trees grow in Australia, but koalas are picky about the ones they will eat.

Since there is so much moisture in the leaves, koalas drink very little water. They also may eat dirt when they come down to the ground to move from tree to tree. The dirt may help their digestion.

Their diet of about a pound of eucalyptus leaves a day does not supply them much energy. They spend 18 to 21 hours a day asleep in their treetop homes. Koalas are most likely to be awake at dawn and dusk.

Habitat loss

photo by GLEN MOREY/via REUTERS

Bushfires burn in Australia in December 2019.

Aside from the bushfires that have been destroying forests in Australia, the biggest threat to koalas is loss of their habitat from people clearing the land for buildings, roads and homes. Experts also say "dieback," when eucalypt forests are damaged and die because of nearby development, destroys the koalas' homes.

Other marsupials

photo by Eric Kilby

• **Kangaroos.** There are about 60 different types of kangaroos. Some can grow to be 6 feet tall and weigh about 200 pounds. They are the world's largest marsupials.

Kangaroos usually move about in the late afternoon or at night, eating grasses and other plants.

They can easily leap higher than a grown man stands, and can travel almost 50 miles per hour.

• **Wombats.** People don't get to see wombats very often. They live only in Australia. During the day, wombats stay underground, sleeping. They don't usually come out of their burrows until night.

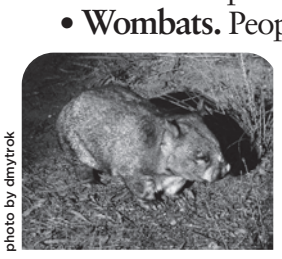

photo by dmytrok

Wombats dig long underground tunnels, or **burrows**. A group of wombats may share the burrow.

• **Pygmy possums.** The pygmy possum is one of the world's tiniest marsupials. It might weigh just a half-ounce and be only 3 inches long. It moves about mostly at night, feeding on nectar and pollen.

photo by Michael Pennay

Resources

On the Web:
- bit.ly/MPkoala

At the library:
- "Jimmy the Joey: The True Story of an Amazing Koala Rescue" by Deborah Lee Rose

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of koalas are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

AUSTRALIA, BARK, BURROW, BUSHFIRE, DIEBACK, EUCALYPTUS, FOREST, HABITAT, JOEY, KANGAROO, KOALA, LEAVES, MARSUPIAL, PAP, POSSUM, POUCH, PYGMY, SLEEP, TREES, WATER, WOMBAT.

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Cook's Corner

Koala Kookies

You'll need:
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 4 tablespoons powdered sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped

What to do:
1. Mix butter and powdered sugar in a large bowl until smooth and creamy.
2. Add vanilla extract. Mix well.
3. Add flour and walnuts. Mix well.
4. Roll into small balls and flatten on a greased baking sheet.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes.
6. When cookies are cool, sprinkle powdered sugar on top. Makes about 5 dozen.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

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1. Something that stands for something else; emblem (6-letter noun) _ _ _ _ _ _
2. Covered with a thick, soft coat of hair (5-letter adjective) _ _ _ _ _
3. Feeling of being without courage; shy (5-letter adjective) _ _ _ _ _
4. The highest part of a woody plant (7-letter noun) _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

1. This sign, - , is the _____ used in math to subtract.
2. Suzanna likes to wear _____ slippers to keep warm.
3. The _____ puppy was scared and hid behind a chair.
4. Mark's cat climbed rapidly all the way up to the _____.

Answers: Symbol, Furry, Timid, Treetop.

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Mini Jokes

Catherine: What's a koala's favorite drink?
Cal: Coca Koala!

Eco Note

Smoke from Australia's massive firestorms is being transported high into the atmosphere, to near the edge of space, by intense thunderstorms created by the bushfires. Meteorologists call the thunderstorm clouds rising above the fires **pyrocumulonimbus** (PY-roh-kyoom-you-loh-NIM-bus). While scientists know a lot about how volcanic debris can have a cooling effect on the planet, they are still learning how the high-altitude smoke affects temperatures.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about animal rescues in Australia.

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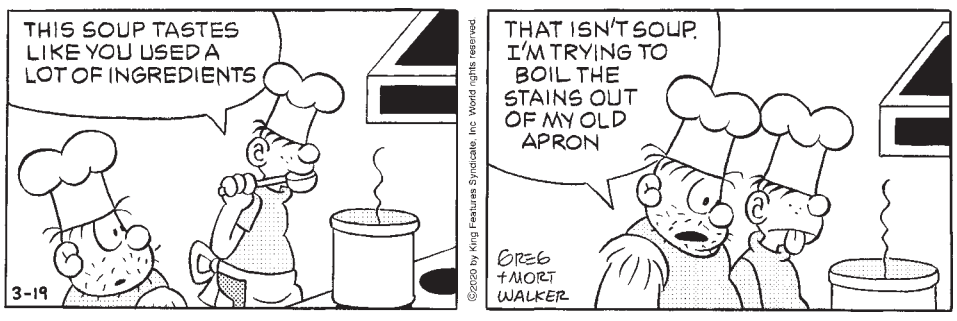
THIS SOUP TASTES LIKE YOU USED A LOT OF INGREDIENTS
THAT ISN'T SOUP. I'M TRYING TO BOIL THE STAINS OUT OF MY OLD APRON
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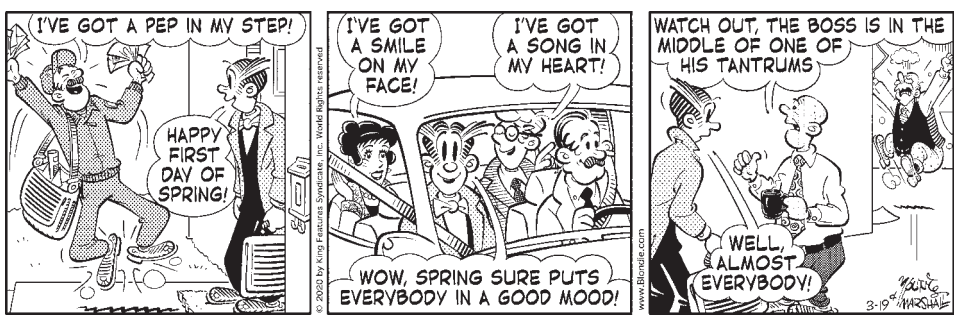
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HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SPRING!
I'VE GOT A SMILE ON MY FACE!
I'VE GOT A SONG IN MY HEART!
WOW, SPRING SURE PUTS EVERYBODY IN A GOOD MOOD!
WATCH OUT, THE BOSS IS IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE OF HIS TANTRUMS
WELL, ALMOST EVERYBODY!
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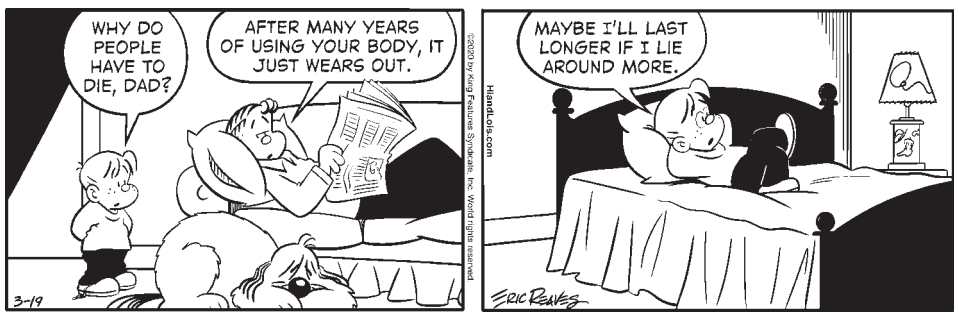
WHY DO PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE, DAD?
AFTER MANY YEARS OF USING YOUR BODY, IT JUST WEARS OUT.
MAYBE I'LL LAST LONGER IF I LIE AROUND MORE.
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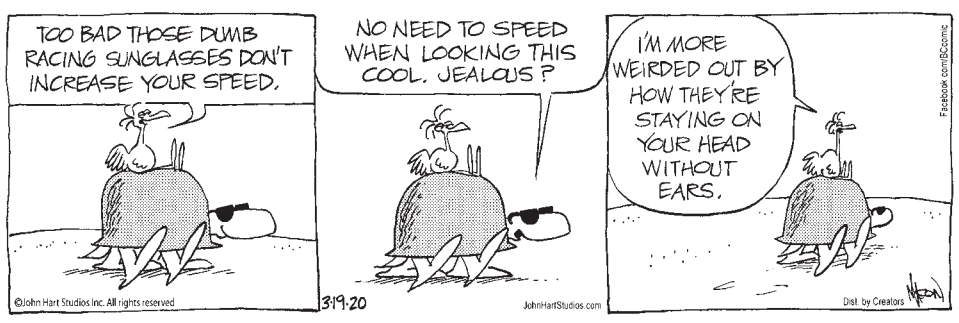
TOO BAD THOSE DUMB RACING SUNGLASSES DON'T INCREASE YOUR SPEED.
NO NEED TO SPEED WHEN LOOKING THIS COOL. JEALOUS?
I'M MORE WEIRDED OUT BY HOW THEY'RE STAYING ON YOUR HEAD WITHOUT EARS.
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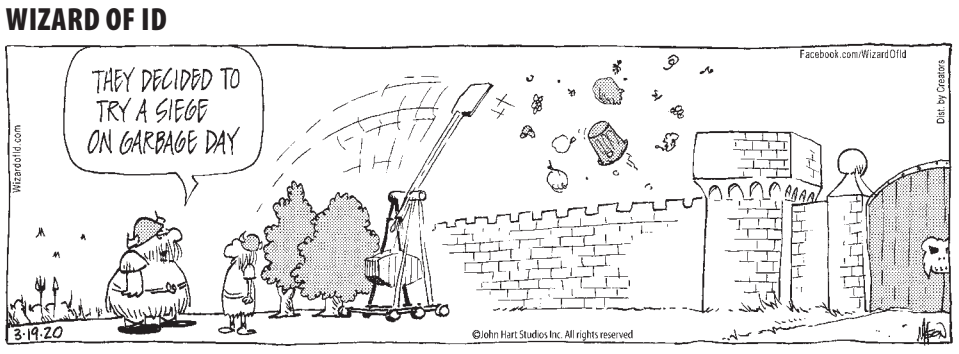

DILBERT

I HIRED A FUTURIST TO PREDICT WHERE OUR INDUSTRY IS HEADED.
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE HERE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO ENJOY THE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT.
WHAT?
FOR THE REST OF YOU, I SEE HARD WORK WITH NO REWARDS.
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IF I TRIED I COULD CHANGE THE WORLD!
OH, I BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD, JON
...MAKE IT MORE BORING, THAT IS
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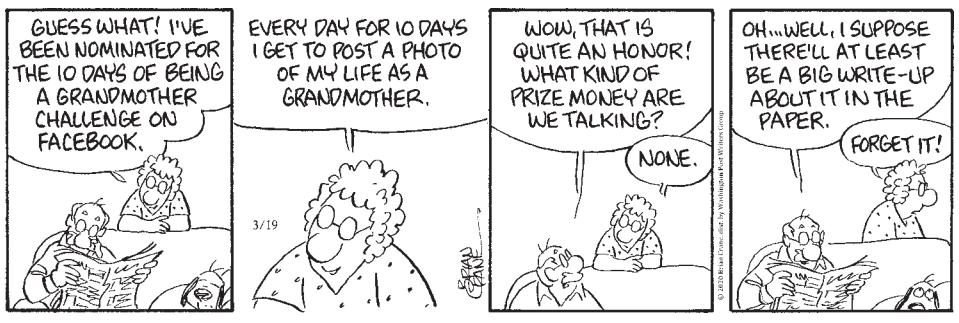
GUESS WHAT! I'VE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE 10 DAYS OF BEING A GRANDMOTHER CHALLENGE ON FACEBOOK.
EVERY DAY FOR 10 DAYS I GET TO POST A PHOTO OF MY LIFE AS A GRANDMOTHER.
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WOW, THAT IS QUITE AN HONOR! WHAT KIND OF PRIZE MONEY ARE WE TALKING?
NONE.
OH...WELL, I SUPPOSE THERE'LL AT LEAST BE A BIG WRITE-UP ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER.
FORGET IT!
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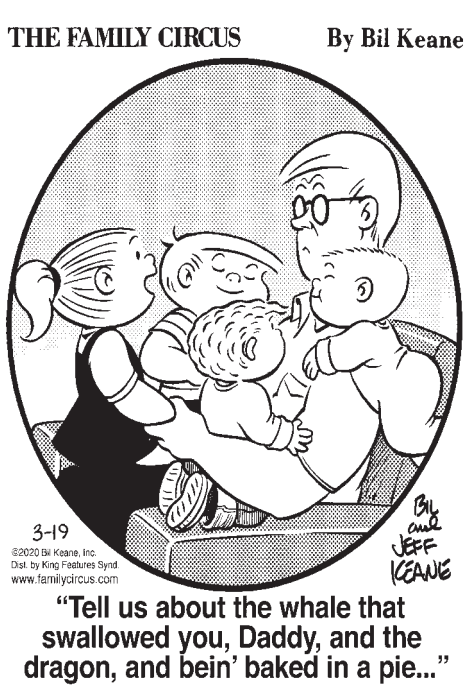
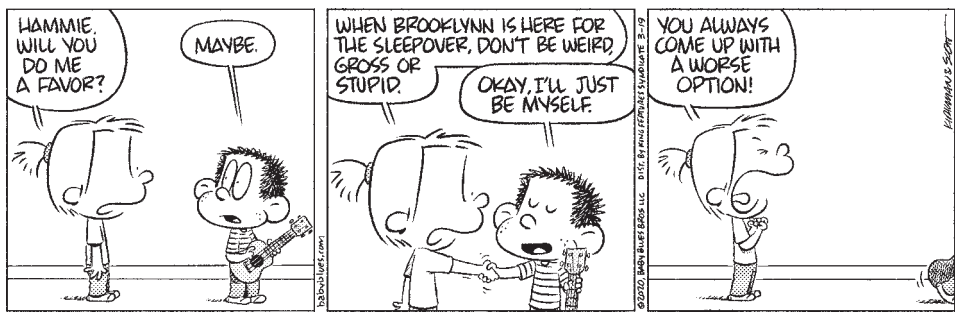


"Tell us about the whale that swallowed you, Daddy, and the dragon, and bein' baked in a pie..."

BABY BLUES


HAMMIE, WILL YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
MAYBE.
WHEN BROOKLYNN IS HERE FOR THE SLEEPOVER, DON'T BE WEIRD, GROSS OR STUPID.
OKAY, I'LL JUST BE MYSELF.
YOU ALWAYS COME UP WITH A WORSE OPTION!
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CURTIS

ALL YOU HAFTA DO IS PRESS THE COLOR AND IT FILLS IN!
A DIGITAL COLORING BOOK-WE ARE TRULY LIVING IN SAD TIMES
OH, C'MON, IT'S GREAT! NO GUESSWORK, NO BROKEN CRAYONS, NO COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES...
BUT THAT'S WHAT MADE COLORING BOOKS SO GREAT!
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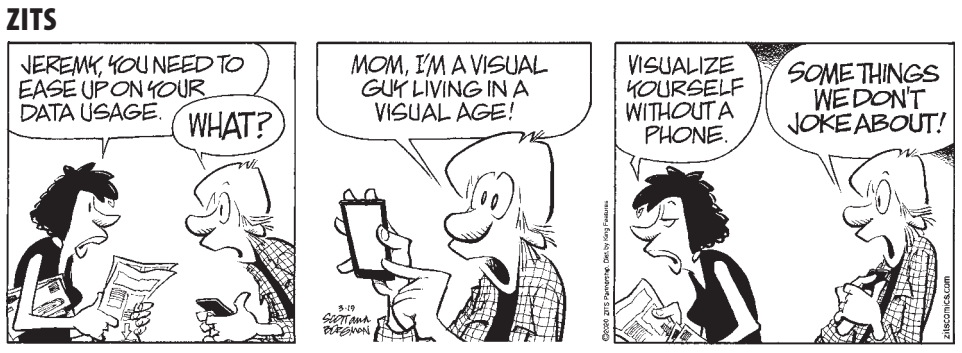
JEREMY, YOU NEED TO EASE UP ON YOUR DATA USAGE.
WHAT?
MOM, I'M A VISUAL GUY LIVING IN A VISUAL AGE!
VISUALIZE YOURSELF WITHOUT A PHONE.
SOME THINGS WE DON'T JOKE ABOUT!
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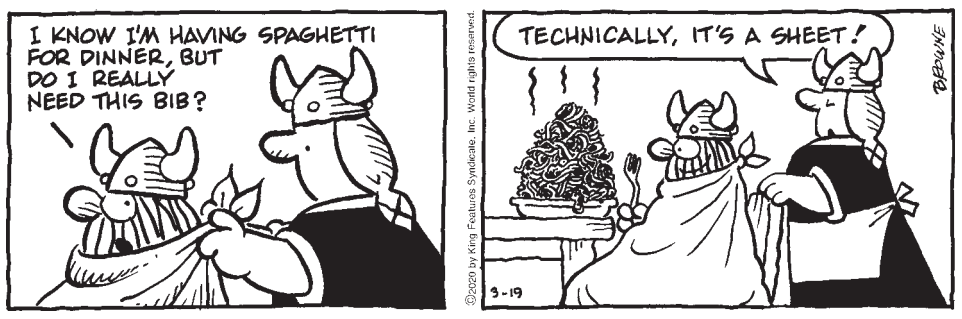
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I KNOW I'M HAVING SPAGHETTI FOR DINNER, BUT DO I REALLY NEED THIS BIB?
TECHNICALLY, IT'S A SHEET!
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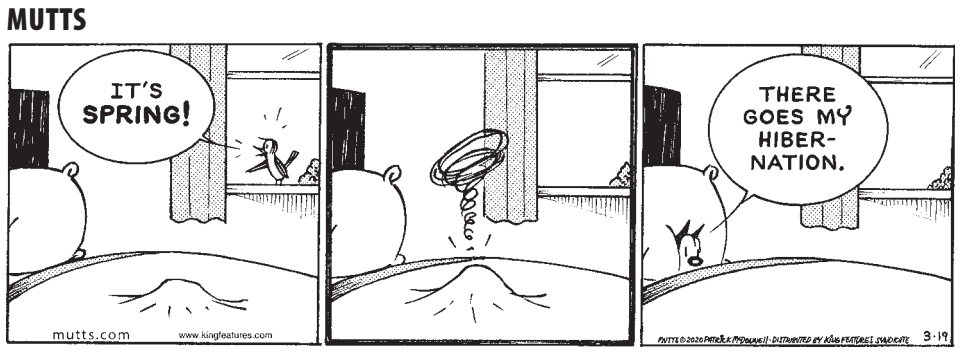
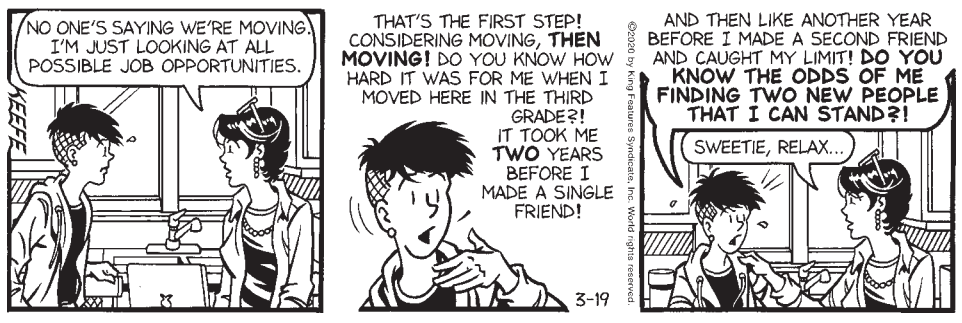
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH


NO ONE'S SAYING WE'RE MOVING. I'M JUST LOOKING AT ALL POSSIBLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES.
KEEFE
THAT'S THE FIRST STEP! CONSIDERING MOVING, THEN MOVING! DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS FOR ME WHEN I MOVED HERE IN THE THIRD GRADE?! IT TOOK ME TWO YEARS BEFORE I MADE A SINGLE FRIEND!
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AND THEN LIKE ANOTHER YEAR BEFORE I MADE A SECOND FRIEND AND CAUGHT MY LIMIT! DO YOU KNOW THE ODDS OF ME FINDING TWO NEW PEOPLE THAT I CAN STAND?!
SWEETIE, RELAX...
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Take a deep breath and plunge forward. You will have more opportunities than you anticipate. Keep an open mind and be ready to make your move. A change in your financial or professional situation will turn in your favor and encourage you to push ahead. Persistence will be an asset.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Intelligence coupled with insight will lead you to the winner's circle. Use your imagination to come up with a plan that will help you outsmart anyone who challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Helping others is admirable, but at what expense, is the question. Know when you have done enough, and back away before someone takes you for granted. Protect your reputation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Forget about what isn't going your way and focus on what is. Taking the path of least resistance will lead to gains that you won't want to miss. Romance is featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use charm to dodge a negative narrative. As long as you are honest, you will be able to outmaneuver others. You'll have regrets if you lend or borrow money or possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Check personal documents and make the necessary adjustments. If you offer to help someone who could use your expertise and advice, you will be given something unexpected and valuable in return.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A clash is likely to take place if you address a sensitive issue with someone who doesn't share your opinion. You'll do better if you focus on a cause you believe in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Extra time and effort will lead to substantial gains. A partnership with someone like-minded will motivate you to do more. A challenging opportunity will lead to more responsibility and a higher income.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take on a creative project that you find stimulating. Use your talent and skills to make personal improvements. Someone from a different cultural background will inspire you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Avoid emotional disputes. Focus on what's essential and finish what you start. Refuse to let anyone back you into a corner. A personal change is in your best interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You may feel like having some fun, but don't go overboard or associate with excessive or deceptive people. Say no to temptation and yes to a healthy lifestyle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make the changes that will help you achieve your financial and professional goals. Discuss your long-term plans with a loved one. An unexpected gift, offer or proposal is heading your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you offer to help someone, you will start your day off right. Your kindness and generosity will bring about a positive turn of events. Honesty and integrity will pay off.

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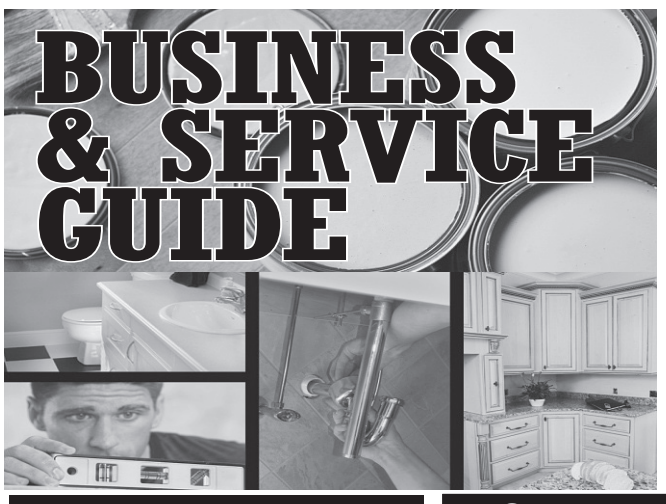

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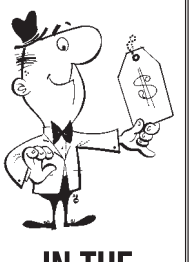

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

hp ENTERTAINMENT

IN BRIEF

Editor's note: Because most event venues have closed due to COVID-19, entertainment events across the region have been canceled or postponed. Until life begins to normalize and events start rolling again, we will not be publishing The Guide. For information about specific events, please visit each venue's website, or call it directly.

Closure affects student musicals

Lake Michigan College's production of "The Pajama Game" and Southwestern Michigan College's production of "Grease" were casualties of all the closures due to the new coronavirus, or COVID-19.

Director Paul Mow, of LMC, said he's still holding out hope.

"I want to give a huge shout out to the most amazing and hard-working group of people that made this rehearsal process so fun (so far), and that we are still holding out and hoping to remount this soon," he said.

The musical was set to open March 22 at The Mendel Center.

"Grease" was scheduled to run from March 26-29 at SMC.

For more information about what events at The Mendel Center were affected by the coronavirus, visit www.themendelcenter.com.

For more info about SMC events, visit www.swmich.edu.

Artists sought for upcoming exhibit

CASSOPOLIS — The Cass County Regional Gallery will be welcoming Michiana artists to bring their art to the gallery on April 25.

An upcoming exhibit will run from May 1 through July 31, and is free for participating artists.

There is no entry fee, no jury fee and no commission for works that are sold at the gallery.

All artwork that arrives during intake will be accepted for display until wall space runs out.

This opportunity is made possible thanks to the Cass County administrator and Cass Area Artists to provide an art experience in a public space for area residents who visit the Cass County Administration Building.

Artists may choose to list their work for sale, or not.

Complete details are available online at www.cassareaartists.org.

Downloadable forms can be found on the home page and on the "forms" page.

All art will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Coastline Children's Film Festival not held

The 2020 Coastline Children's Film Festival, originally set for March 13-22, has been canceled.

Organizers hope to have an abbreviated version of the festival in the future.

For more information, including Young Filmmakers Competition entries, visit www.coastlinechildrensfilmfestival.com.

COVID-19 postpones Kirkdorfer's directorial debut

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ST. JOSEPH — The show won't go on this weekend at the Twin City Players Playhouse along Glenlord Road.

Its production of "The Women of Lockerbie" has been postponed due to the spread of coronavirus, or COVID-19.

While TCP plans to set new dates for the production, its postponement wasn't without disappointment for first-time director Kraig Kirkdorfer.

"I have very, very much enjoyed the creative process of molding a show, bringing it from paper out on the stage and giving it life," he said.

Kirkdorfer said "The Women of Lockerbie" is written in the structure of a Greek tragedy and is ultimately about the power of love overcoming the power of hate.

"I've felt very fortunate to be surrounded by the cast and crew. They've done an amazing job bringing some beauty and humanity to an otherwise sad and dismal show," he said.

"The Women of Lockerbie" is based on the true story of when Pan Am Flight 103 was destroyed in 1988 by a terrorist bomb and crashed into the small village in Scotland, killing all 243 passengers, 16 crew members and 11 people on the ground.

It tells the plight of a mother from New Jersey traveling to Scotland to find her son's remains seven years later. She meets the women of Lockerbie, who are fighting the U.S. government to obtain the clothing of the victims found in the plane's wreckage.

Determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love, the women want to wash the clothes of the dead and return them to the victims' families.

In addition to Kirkdorfer, the cast and crew was to include Lizbeth Benjamin, Steve Prouty, Jodie Wilson, Sherry Douglass, Jacob Holmes, Christine Aranyos, Cassi File, Donna Metz, Teresa Polasek, John Taylor, Matt Dolphy Clark, Ariel Hromek, Cindy Jakeway and Kathryn Kirkdorfer.

For more information about TCP's postponements, or the rest of its season, visit www.twincityplayers.org.

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Life without the entertainment world

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The Minskoff Theatre is shuttered in New York after Broadway theaters closed following New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's banning of gatherings of more than 500 people over concerns about the spread of the coronavirus.

NEW YORK — Overheard as the entertainment world stalled in response to the coronavirus outbreak: "What are we gonna do now, read books?"

That's exactly what Pamela Milam will be doing, and lots of them.

Milam is a selection reader for the Women's National Book Association, a nonprofit established in 1917 to support, well, reading. She and her colleagues began a marathon this month to make it through as many as 100 books each as they help develop the organization's annual Great Group Reads list for National Reading Group Month in October.

She's also an avid theater goer. She lives in the heart of Times Square and goes to the theater about once a week, but when Broadway and many other entertainments canceled, cut back seating or postponed performances last week, Milam knew exactly how she'd fill the extra time.

"I'm happy snug on my couch. I'll do my best to make the most of that," she said.

Many concert tours, awards shows, festivals, museums, sporting events and more have shut down to help "flatten the curve" as the virus spreads around the globe. Bans on big and medium-size gatherings are proliferating, prompting more people to hunker down at home.

"We're catching up on our reading. I just started 'Love in the Time of Cholera.' It seemed appropriate," said Beverly Pfeiffer in Silver Spring, Md., of the Gabriel Garcia Marquez classic that plays out amid an outbreak of the disease.

Other people are working more, especially now that they're doing it from home.

Some have upped their kitchen game by taking on fussy recipes and baking projects.

One company that offers online courses has seen a huge jump in business, as has another that sells digital photo scanning services.

Interior designer Genevieve Gorder, co-host of the Netflix series "Stay Here," asked followers on Instagram to share home improvement goals that had been lingering at the bottom of to-do lists. Cleaning blinds, a basement sort-out and deck repairs are now on front burners.

Nicole Schaefer in Portland, Ore., is usually out doing something. Now, she almost feels guilty about all the free time. Almost.

"I feel like now I have time to relax, if that makes sense. With my evenings freed up, I'm learning to make my own macarons. I'm making a present for my boyfriend. I'm knitting. I'm exercising as long as I want to. There's so many things to do without concerts and plays and shows to go to," she said.

There's binge-watching galore, of course, and devotees of opera and art are being treated to special live streams and virtual tours. Museums have joined a social media movement started by the Museum of the City of New York to offer art and other imagery using the hashtag #MuseumMomentofZen.

Melanie Musson isn't focused on any of that, and social distancing shouldn't be a problem. She and her husband, along with their four children, love to spend time in the mountains surrounding their Belgrade, Mont., home.

"I have so many plans that I'm actually looking forward to being forced out of social gatherings," she said. "We plan to spend time outdoors camping, hiking and fishing. The sunshine and exercise will help us be as healthy as we can be."

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While Musson and others head outdoors, some folks who are shunning or shut out of their exercise classes are working out new routines at home.

Linda Johnson Mandell in Los Angeles is going another route with her giant white Labradoodle, Frankie Feldman. The 5-year-old fur ball is a therapy dog who routinely visits patients at care centers. With new restrictions, those visits are on hold.

"So instead we're staying home, brushing up on obedience, and I'm teaching him some new tricks to amuse folks when the quarantines are lifted," Mandell said.

Cynthia Shaw in Brooklyn is a classical pianist and piano teacher who regularly gathers with students and friends who play for each other. Since many in their group of eight or so are older, including some in their 80s, they're giving up their monthly home gatherings for now, but played Sunday using a video conferencing platform instead.

"Some of the older members had a hard time figuring it out, but they did," she said. "I had my computer set up next to the piano. I played the first movement of a Beethoven sonata. People played Chopin. There was some Gershwin. I think we'll do it again."

Elsewhere, the TV binge is definitely on with some new gems on offer.

The Walt Disney Co. will release "Frozen 2" on Disney-Plus several months early to give families cooped up by the coronavirus a welcome distraction, and give its streaming service a boost.

For documentary lovers, Netflix is rolling out new features and series from acclaimed creators, including "The Innocence Files" by Liz Garbus, Alex Gibney and Roger Ross Williams; "Jeffrey Epstein: Filthy Rich" by Lisa Bryant and Joe Berlinger; and "David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet."

"We subscribe to nearly every streaming service, or so it seems. I'm hoping to find some gold in there," said Julie Crislip in Pennington, N.J.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover.

Psychotherapist Jeff Larsen in San Diego has a plan, for himself and his clients.

"It's all about slowing down," he said. "So absolutely pick up that book that's been gathering dust, watch that movie or binge-watch that TV show that you haven't had time to watch. Most importantly, it's the mindset that we, as humans, need to have going into this time period. It's always a good thing when we can slow down and simplify our lives."

Stuck at home? Amy Adams, other celebrities will read you a story

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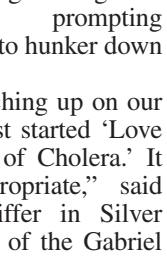

ADAMS

Once upon a time, famous actors and authors united during a pandemic to ease children's anxieties through storytelling.

Amy Adams, Josh Gad, Jennifer Garner and more stars are lending their voices to "Operation Storytime" and "Save With Stories," initiatives aimed at lifting kids' – and parents' – spirits amid coronavirus-induced uncertainty.

Here's how it works: Participants post social media videos of themselves reading various children's books aloud to entertain self-quarantined families whose children are no longer in school because of public health concerns.

"In case your day calls for a calming story," Garner captioned her Instagram post, for which she recited Jan Brett's winter wonderland tale, "The Mitten," accompanied by her kid-friendly golden retriever.

Gad – who is accustomed to amusing kids as the voice of Olaf the snowman in "Frozen" – opted to read Shel Silverstein's classic "The Giving Tree" and offered some support to families who have committed to social distancing.

"I also want to thank everyone who is in self-isolation right now. I know it's hard not to be out there socializing with everybody. Trust me, I want to be out there, too," the "Book of Mormon" alum said. "But it's important that all of us protect everybody who is somewhat fragile right now, or immunocompromised, so thank you. And now I'm going to read a book that I have a lot of trouble getting through and haven't actually read in a long time because I find it a difficult one."

In addition to partnering with parenting blog Romper for "Operation Storytime," Garner also collaborated with Adams for "Save With Stories," a reading initiative started by nonprofit organizations Save the Children and No Kid Hungry. Similar to "Operation Storytime," "Save With Stories" features Adams reciting Aviana Olea Le Gallo's "The Dinosaur Princess" to her daughter and Garner reading Ken Geist's "The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark."

"We are galvanizing as a community to support a new fund for a combined effort between SAVE THE CHILDREN and Share Our Strength's NO KID HUNGRY," Adams wrote on Instagram. "THIRTY MILLION CHILDREN in the United States rely on school for food. School closures will hit vulnerable communities hard."

Both actresses also encouraged their fans to donate to Save the Children and No Kid Hungry to serve kids "affected by COVID-19," who are experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic.

Anyone who wants to contribute can do so at savethechildren.org/savewithstories or text "SAVE" to 20222 for a one-time donation of $10.

"All you have to do is watch our stories and please consider donating," Adams said in a joint video with Garner.